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# CTA'S SAFEST YEAR

# 1970: CTA's Safest Year

OPERATING EMPLOYES have set a new public accident record, making 1970 the safest year in CTA's 23-year history.

Compared with 1964, the previous safest year, there were 1,265 fewer traffic and passenger accidents, a decrease of 9.5 per cent. The 1970 traffic and passenger accident rate of 8.2 accidents per 100,000 miles operated was also the best in CTA history and is a reduction of 8.0 per cent from the 1964 rate of 8.9.

Contributing greatly to the new record, the surface system also had its safest year in 1970 with 1,327 fewer traffic and passenger accidents than in 1964, its previous safest year. The new surface system traffic and passenger accident rate of 11.6 accidents per 100,000 miles operated set in 1970 compares favorably with the 11.9 rate in 1964. A breakdown of the comparative figures shows a 32 per cent decrease in passenger accidents and a 4 per cent increase in traffic accidents which can be attributed to ever-increasing traffic congestion on city streets.

In comparison with 1969, the safest year on the rapid transit system, 1970 was the second safest year with 118 more accidents. The 1970 rate of 1.62 accidents per 100,000 miles operated is, by comparison, a close second to the 1.55 set in 1969. The slight increase can be attributed to the number of new passengers who were not accustomed to riding rapid transit service, as well as to the new routes and unfamiliar equipment which trainmen had to adjust to.

Most significant is a comparison of the 1970 system accident rate of 8.2 with the accident rate of 18.5 in 1948, CTA's first full year of operation, a 56.0 per cent reduction.

In the years since 1948, there has been a steady downward trend in public accidents, culminating with the outstanding safety record of 1970. In 1954, CTA embarked on intensive safety-training activities. And in the next six years, the accident rate per 100,000 miles operated ranged from a high of 14.1 to a low of 10.4. Since 1961, the rate never exceeded 10.

# Suggesters Win $2,915 During 1970

IN ITS annual report for 1970, the Employe Suggestion Plan announced adoption of 125 suggestions and the presentation of awards totaling $2,535 during the year.

Supplemental cash awards totaling $380 were also presented to eight suggesters whose ideas adopted in 1969 continued to produce savings to CTA. In all, $2,915 was presented to employes according to the suggestion plan report.

Participating in the suggestion plan during 1970 were 1,131 employes who submitted a total of 1,513 suggestions. Since the present system-wide suggestion plan was established on October 1, 1952, 26,147 suggestions have been received. During the same period, to December 31, 1970, a total of 2,355 suggestions have been adopted and $48,533 has been paid out to employes in awards.

The approximate value of first year savings realized through the adoption of suggestions during 1970 is estimated as $17,745. Total first year savings realized on all suggestions adopted since the plan went into effect amount to $342,540.

Among the last to receive cash awards for their ideas adopted during 1970 was a Shops and Equipment Department employe, Joseph A. Miller of South Shops, who received a check for $275. Other S&E employes who received cash awards include Alfred Haas and Joseph Kiselus, both of South Shops, who won $25 each, and Nello J. Paolicchi of Skokie Shops, who won $30. Receiving a $25 award was Paul S. Wallace of the Security Department.

Two employes who earned $25 awards for submitting a second adoptable suggestion within a year are Regina Daren and Rita Wantroba, both of Medical Department in the General Office.

Winning incentive awards—a $7 merchandise certificate or a Zippo lighter/tape rule set—for their adopted ideas were the following: General Office—Ingrid Boes, Public Information; Frank Cihak, Equipment Research and Development; and Arlene Puralewski and Rita Wantroba, both of Medical Department. Shops and Equipment—Oliver M. Lang, Skokie Shops, and Joseph Sarnecki, South Shops. Electrical—William F. Glassner, Blue Island. Stores—Edward P. Grzenia, South Shops.

For his idea which was adopted a year ago and continued to derive savings for CTA, Joseph Sarnecki, S&E-South Shops, was presented a supplemental award of $30.

## Twelve Named to New Transportation Department Posts

IN THREE separate bulletins issued during January by Superintendent of Transportation D. M. Flynn, nine CTAers were appointed to new positions and three were reassigned within the Transportation Department. The changes were approved by Operating Manager C. E. Keiser.

Named to new posts at rapid transit operating stations effective January 1 were M. V. LaVelle, North Section station superintendent; J. E. Roberts, Douglas & Congress assistant station superintendent; F. G. Ellis, West Section relief station superintendent, and E. Mitchell, Lake & Jefferson Park superintendent of agents and janitors. Reassigned to new posts at the same time were E. J. Heatter, South Section station superintendent, and B. J. Limanowski, North Section assistant station superintendent.

In the Operations Control Center, W. J. Pavoni was named relief district superintendent and T. P. Hogan was reassigned as district superintendent. The new assignments became effective January 3.

Supervisory personnel named to new assignments at surface operating stations effective January 17 include J. B. Morris, Lawndale station superintendent; E. W. Brodd, North Park assistant station superintendent; A. C. Tabel, North Avenue & Kedzie relief station superintendent, and H. Reddrick, Lawndale senior station instructor.

# Transit Board Approves Two Bus Route Changes

AT ITS monthly meeting on January 14, Chicago Transit Board authorized revisions to two CTA bus routes, the 57 Laramie and 106 103rd-106th services.

Instead of terminating on the south at Lavergne avenue and Flournoy street, 57 Laramie buses will operate over the present route to Lavergne avenue and Harrison street, and then continue east in Harrison street to Cicero avenue, south in Cicero avenue to Flournoy street, west in Flournoy street to Laramie avenue, and then north in Laramie avenue over the regular route.

Persons transferring between the Laramie buses and the Congress rapid transit service will have the advantage of using the full-time Cicero entrance to the station rather than the part-time auxiliary entrance at Lavergne. In addition, this extension of service will provide a direct connection for persons transferring between Laramie buses and southbound Cicero buses.

The new Olive-Harvey college, 10001 S. Woodlawn avenue, will be served directly by buses on CTA's 106 103rd-106th route operating between the 95th/Dan Ryan transit center and the campus. Special route 106 buses will serve the campus Monday through Friday at 20-minute intervals between 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., and then every half hour until 10:00 p.m. (except Friday when buses will operate only until 7:00 p.m.).

From the 95th/Dan Ryan transit center, buses will travel via 95th street, Michigan avenue, 103rd street, and Woodlawn avenue to the bus turnaround within the campus. Between 95th/Dan Ryan and 103rd/Michigan, the buses will be express just as the regular route 106 buses. Students using this route will have access, with protected waiting areas, to the Dan Ryan rapid transit and eight bus routes serving the South Side.

Both new services will begin in February when necessary arrangements are completed.

## Park District Offers Free Golf Classes

IF WINTER is causing you to lose your touch at golf, then now is the time to join a free golf instruction class under the expert guidance of Byron Harcke, Chicago Park District golf supervisor. Classes start February 1 and are held throughout the city. So, if you just want to learn the fundamentals or if you have been trying to cut a few strokes from your game, register now by calling one of the park supervisors listed below. Just bring a golf club, Byron Harcke will do the rest.

La Follette Park, 1333 N. Laramie; Mondays, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22 at 7:30 p.m. Call Steve Zukowski, 378-0124.
Ridge Park, 96th and Longwood; Tuesdays, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23 at 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Call Henry Racic, 238-1655.
Lake Shore Park, 808 N. Lake Shore Dr.; Thursdays, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25 at 7:30 p.m. Call Al Benedict, 787-7494.
Horner Park, 2741 W. Montrose; Fridays, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26 at 7:30 p.m. Call James Kelly, 267-2444.
Columbus Park, Menard and Jackson; Mondays, March 1, 8, 15, 22 at 7:30 p.m. Call Jane Dickens, 378-0643.
Marquette Park, 67th and Kedzie; Tuesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23 at 7:30 p.m. Call George Carpita, 776-9879.
Jefferson Park, 4822 N. Long; Fridays, March 5, 12, 19, 26 at 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Call Ray Shafer, 545-3992.
Loyola Park, 1230 W. Greenleaf; Saturdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27 at 10:30 a.m. Call Walter Norman, 262-0690.

# 1970's—a Decade of Innovation in

NEW CONCEPTS and innovations affecting the transit industry accelerated last year, and a number of ideas will enter demonstration stages during 1971. Their outcome will affect CTA, as well as every other transit system in the United States.

The major innovations in buses fall into two categories: (1) Design of the vehicle, mainly the type of power plant. (2) Traffic and roadway innovations, mainly busways.

The number of new bus power plants actively being experimented with at this time is impressive as are present modifications to the power plant now in general use, the diesel engine. Many have already undergone trial testing.

One of the most unusual and also one of the oldest ideas in new ways to power a bus is the steam engine. Like many other novel bus engines it largely grew out of the effort to reduce air and noise pollution. In the forefront of the steam bus effort are the West Coast transit systems.

With the help of an Urban Mass Transportation Administration grant of more than 1 million dollars, the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District in Oakland, California, was able to begin initial testing of a steam engine on a standard transit coach.

Early prototypes are expected by AC officials to have adequate power, low pollutant emissions, low noise levels, and safe operating characteristics. Active participants in the project being carried out through the California State Assembly also include the San Francisco Municipal Railway and the Southern California Rapid Transit District (Los Angeles). The Lear corporation has launched an ambitious 6 million dollar research and development program on the steam bus, 4 million dollars of which has already been spent.

Buses are scheduled to enter actual public transit service in California this August.

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Also undergoing tests in the Los Angeles area is a diesel bus converted to operate on natural gas. For the transit operator, buses fueled by natural gas or liquid natural gas offer vehicles with lower emitted pollutants, without entailing the development of an entirely new engine. The cost for conversion of the engine to natural gas operation is estimated at around $243, allowing for large-scale conversion without extensive retooling.

Natural gas, along with propane, has been urged for the buses in St. Paul, Minnesota. CTA was the first transit operator to place a fleet of propane buses in service in the early 1950's, and continues to be the major user of these vehicles.

Also under experimentation is the turbine bus which underwent a cross-country demonstration run by Greyhound last year. The turbine is comparatively low in emitted pollutants and is perhaps less exotic than the steam engine. A turbine bus is presently being developed by General Motors and will feature a mechanism that lowers the bus to curb level allowing easier entrance and exit for the infirm and elderly.

Perhaps one of the most hopeful means of reducing air pollutants from buses for the immediate future lies in improvements to the diesel engine which is remarkably low in offensive pollutants. General Motors' Environmental Improvement Program is a combination of ingredients that relieve the pedestrian and motorist's major headache with buses—smelly and visible smoke. The package also reduces noise, hydrocarbons (by 90%), and carbon monoxide (by 40%), according to GM officials.

The heart of the package is a lo-sac needle valve that reduces pollutant-causing unburned fuel from entering the combustion chamber. The first buses so equipped went into service in San Francisco and Washington, D.C., in 1970. It is expected that all future orders for diesel buses, including those placed by CTA, will specify the use of lo-sac needle valves.

A new development in the present effort to reduce pollutants and increase the attractiveness of buses is the Kinetic Energy Wheel (KEW), which is in some respects similar to a wheel-driven toy car. KEW would contribute to lessened pollution by increasing the flexibility of the trolley bus, transit's original zero pollution vehicle. By using a cone-shaped wheel spinning at 20,000 revolutions per minute, the trolley bus will be able to move about six miles without the benefit of overhead power lines. The experimental

# Bus Transportation

vehicle with the KEW mounted under the bus floor is scheduled to operate in San Francisco in 1971.

Other innovations in the bus engine field include the Stirling engine now being developed at Phillips' laboratories in the Netherlands. The Stirling engine utilizes a rhombic drive and either hydrogen or helium which is heated to provide the driving force. The engine, though expensive to build and slow to start and accelerate, emits far fewer nitrogen oxides than the diesel and half the amount of carbon dioxide.

One of the most important factors in the future of bus transportation, however, has little to do with mechanics at all. Busways (exclusive expressways or expressway lanes for buses) have moved from the trial stage of two or three years ago to become one of the fastest growing means of mass transportation.

Only one busway has been in use since 1969, but already provisions for the use of highway funds for busway construction have been written into Federal highway legislation. When the Shirley Highway busway serving the District of Columbia and Northern Virginia is completed this year, it will provide direct express bus service to the nation's capital. The first 1½ mile stretch of busway was opened for rush hour service last September 14 by Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe. Already, ridership has jumped 30 to 40 per cent. By using the completed busway, bus riders will be able to save 30 minutes commuter time by bypassing Washington's worst traffic jam and patronage should increase considerably again. As part of the project, the Urban Mass Transportation Administration helped to provide 30 new transit buses to handle increased riding, and will help provide an additional 60 this year.

Since that time, a busway with a similar aim—to make bus commuting more attractive and to serve more commuters with less highway—has been opened in New York City. Also funded by UMTA, the project put in use on December 18 speeds an estimated 800 buses daily over a 2½ mile section of an approach to the Lincoln tunnel under the Hudson river.

Busways totalling 11 miles are also being planned to serve downtown Los Angeles and El Monte using the San Bernardino freeway. A trip should be completed in about 18 minutes by busway as opposed to up to 40 minutes by freeway. Busways are also being tentatively planned for a number of other cities.

Like the rest of today's transit scene, bus transit will need many years more before the biggest changes become an everyday reality for the average bus rider.

## International Streetcar Line, An El Paso Attraction

STREETCARS REMAIN in operation in so few cities in the United States, that an individual can count the number of systems on his fingers. Among the remaining streetcar lines, one especially stands out as being a bit unusual--the international trolley line operated by El Paso City Lines.

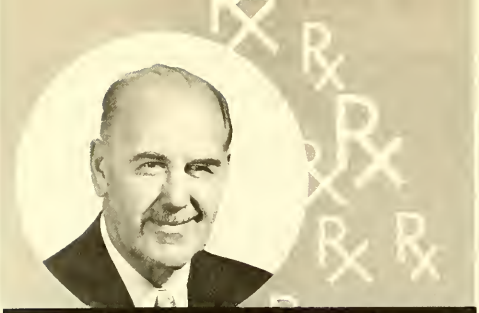
It certainly doesn't have the glamor of the Orient Express or other famous international rail lines, but the streetcars do provide daily service between downtown El Paso, Texas, and the City of Juarez, Mexico. Operating on a loop-shaped line nearly 3.1 miles in length, the streetcars run every four minutes during rush hours and every six minutes at other times. Hours of operation are from 5:15 a.m. to midnight.

The fare from the U.S. to Mexico is 10 cents and it is 15 centavos (1.2 cents U.S.) for the return. Fares are collected in separate fare boxes.

When crossing the Santa Fe bridge into the U.S., all passengers must leave the streetcar to go through the U.S. Immigration Service check. After declaring their citizenship and paying duty on various articles purchased in Mexico, passengers reboard the streetcar and continue on their way.

Local transit service across the Mexican border started in 1889. Mule cars which originally served the route were replaced by electric streetcars in 1902. Starting in 1943, buses were phased in on all other streetcar routes throughout the city. Streetcar service on the international route was resumed only last month after operations were suspended for over a year while the Mexican Electricity Commission installed new underground electrical cables along the route.

The mainstay of the international service is a fleet of 18 PCC streetcars obtained secondhand from the San Diego system in 1954.



# Medically Speaking

## by Dr. George H. Irwin

**DRUG ABUSE** is an appropriate subject for this page in Transit News at this time because the much publicized, widespread, and alarming use of drugs has become a universal problem. It has been estimated that 1 out of 10 Americans has smoked pot.

The dictionary defines "abuse" as to use wrongly or improperly. There is a wide variety of drugs prescribed by physicians, from aspirin to narcotics, that are being used daily for good purposes. It is the misuse that is causing harm and concern. There is an old adage, "Fire is a good servant, but a poor master." Such a statement would rightly apply to the use of drugs. Drugs are very useful and needed servants when properly administered, but when abused and misused they can become a terrible, dominating, and controlling master.

According to the committee on alcoholism, drug dependence and mental health, some individuals feel compelled to abuse drugs as a way of life—a way to shut out the real world or enter a world of unreality.

Others, especially young people, may see drug abuse as an adventure—a road to supposedly new experiences.

For all of us, drug abuse is an expensive practice, millions of tax dollars are spent each year controlling abuse and treating persons who are dependent on drugs. Equally important, additional millions are lost by those who often unknowingly rob themselves of their ability to produce and earn and jeopardize their physical and mental health.

Many drugs can lead to addiction from abuse. Those most commonly abused fall into four major categories:

(1) Narcotics (pain killers) such as morphine, codeine, and heroin.

(2) Sedatives such as barbiturates, tranquilizers, and alcohol.

(3) Stimulants, or pep pills, such as amphetamines.

(4) Hallucinogens such as LSD and marijuana.

The narcotic group, which comes from the opium poppy, are sometimes prescribed to relieve pain. When these drugs are used the doctor tries to limit the amount and duration before the habit is formed.

The barbiturates, tranquilizers, and alcohol which also play an important part in medical practice, are usually referred to as sedatives and can be effective or helpful in treating epilepsy, insomnia, or emotional and mental illness. When taken in excess the habit or physical dependence is formed.

Stimulants or pep pills are sometimes prescribed for mild depressions, grief, and as short-term aids in weight control. They have been used by truck drivers to keep awake. Unfortunately, when the effect wears off one is more drowsy than before so the pill is repeated. Cocaine is in the group also.

The hallucinogens, which include LSD and marijuana, are never prescribed for any medical condition; strictly speaking, a hallucinogen is a drug that produces hallucinations. These drugs supposedly take one on a "trip" in another world. Objects take on new forms and new thoughts, one hears weird sounds or music and sees colors he never saw before. These are the drugs that may produce brain damage or injure hereditary genes.

The management or treatment of drug abuse is a very big problem. The individual doctor is not prepared to cope with drug addicts, certain clinics and agencies are best equipped for this.

Any individual may help prevent abuse if he never shares drugs with another person, even though he seems to have the same illness. Encourage everyone who is seeking information about drugs to see his own doctor.

The Beth Israel Medical Institute recommends a three-way operation to help these addicts:

(1) An abstinence program.

(2) The in-patient detoxification hospital service.

(3) The ambulatory methadone (drug) maintenance program.

Occasionally one hears about a person who has "kicked" the habit by his own efforts; he fights a losing battle. The best bet is to seek help through educational and medical research institutions.

Finally, I urge everyone to avoid youth groups seeking drug information. Don't buy drugs over the counter and never take any drug without consulting your family doctor.

IT GOES without saying that cold weather forces many hardships on CTA personnel and riders alike, but it also presents unlimited opportunities for transit employes to perform seemingly small acts which win them the praise of passengers and improve CTA's image. Just how much a courteous or considerate act is appreciated is demonstrated by letters of commendation received from the public, several excerpts from which are printed here:

Elmer A. Malmin, Operator, Limits: "The driver was possibly the most courteous I have ever experienced. He was polite, answered questions in a very pleasant manner and drove the bus in a way which provided comfort and peace-of-mind to his passengers."

Nelson Swopes, Operator, Lawndale: "I was transferring at Diversey and although the Damen bus driver had a green light, he waited. I want him to know how much I appreciated this service."

George Clark, Conductor, Forest Park: "The way he announces every station so clearly and puts a little bit of his own personality in his job makes it most pleasant for someone who is going to work."

Samuel Janke, Operator, North Park: "I was sitting near the front of the bus so I couldn't help but notice his courtesy despite endless questions and extremely heavy traffic."

George W. Schletz, Operator, Beverly: "He is a kind and cheerful man, as well as a careful driver. It's so nice to know that people like that are still around."

Alvar Alsterlund, Operator, Forest Glen: "Arriving at Milwaukee and Montrose at 11:45 a.m., never have I seen traffic so heavy. I would like to commend bus driver #4210 for his skillful driving and his courtesy to everyone."

Alfred Lee, Operator, Limits: "He was efficient and courteous and especially considerate to the senior citizens, pulling up to the curb and lending a hand if they needed help on and off."

Lee E. Langham, Operator, 69th Street: "He had the green light and turned on 71st. When he saw the Western bus he waited to see if anybody got off and wanted to go west. I was very grateful that I didn't have to wait for the next bus, as it was very cold."

Louis Markowitz, Operator, Kedzie: "He is an excellent driver, as well as a courteous and considerate gentleman. I ride the bus often and am glad when he is the driver."

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Bernard Koniarski, Operator, North Park: "I thought it was very nice of him to stop and wait, it was very cold and windy and I am very grateful for his act."

John Andrews, Trainman, North Section: "I dropped a very important envelope into an inaccessible place at the South Boulevard station in Evanston. Your employee, John Andrews, recovered it for me. He was very kind, pleasant and polite."

Gustav Lemar Jr., Operator, Forest Glen: "He always waits for us if he sees that we missed the green light and then greets us with a big smile and a cheerful word or so. Never have we seen a more courteous bus driver."

Gerald V. Tamborrello, Ticket Agent, North Section: "On requesting travel information, I find him extremely kind, accurate, and helpful. He is always in a friendly mood."

Frederick Pepke, Operator, Limits: "He is the perfect example of what a bus driver should be like. He cheers you and always greets you with that warm, friendly smile. While riding on his bus you never once feel insecure."

Louis Grant, Operator, Keeler: "He deserves recognition for his patience, understanding and helpfulness, and is a credit to the CTA for the way he handles situations that arise."

Aaron Amos, Operator, North Avenue: "To sum it up, he is all things a good employee should be: efficient, courteous, and helpful to any and all of the passengers who board his bus."

Kenneth L. Simpson, Operator, 52nd Street: "Even though this young man was busy with watching the change box and issuing transfers, he was most polite and informative."

John Kolon, Information Clerk, Travel Information: "I appreciated his patience and helpfulness."

Parnell D. Anderson, Operator, Forest Glen: "He is courteous and pleasant to all passengers. He greets them as they enter and wishes them a pleasant day when they get off and is always helpful in answering any questions."

Herbert Dillard, Conductor, Dan Ryan: "I was impressed by his clear enunciation and sincerity in announcing train stops and information."

Romuald J. Howard, Operator, 77th Street: "He is well known for his morning welcome, his concern for others, and his kindness in giving information and perfect directions when needed."

# THE INSIDE NEWS

## AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**ACCOUNTING (General) -**

The personnel of all sections of the Accounting Department had small group Christmas luncheons in restaurants of their choice, and from the reports received, they enjoyed the food and getting together for Christmas...KEN McNEELY, CHUCK DAVIS, JOE LAZZARA, and PHYLLIS WHITE enjoyed vacations around home making preparations for the Christmas and New Year holidays...ANN ANGST is in Hawaii enjoying the sunshine, and when she returns we will get her story...RITA DEAKIN spent two wonderful weeks touring the 50th State of Hawaii. The weather was ideal; it only rained pineapple dew and the temperature is always between 75 and 80 degrees. As Christmas was only a few weeks away, trees were decorated a little differently from the traditional trees in Chicago. The Japanese Pine, which looks very artificial, is decorated with paper pineapples. Children visit Santa in the department stores in their bathing suits. Poinsettia grow in all the gardens by the thousands. Though the snow is missing, it still feels like Christmas in Hawaii. She and her companion were able to spend two nights in the "Presidential Suite" at the Royal Hawaiian hotel because no other rooms were available. The highlight of the tour was a helicopter ride over the Wailua Canyon on the Island of Kauai...The personnel of the Accounting Department wish to congratulate WILLIAM B. FOLTA on his promotion to general accountant, replacing A. J. FITZSIMONS who retired November 1...Congratulations and a welcome to HAROLD F. BROWN on his promotion as assistant general accountant. . . MAURICE H. BALLESTRO, transfer counter, West Shops, was 65 years old on December 29 and his daughter-in-law presented him with a new grandson on the same day. Mr. Ballestro, who resides in Cartersville, Illinois, retired on January 1. Best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.

*- Jeanne Fitzgerald*

**(Tabulating) -**

Henrici's was the place selected by the Key Punch Department for their annual Christmas party. This year the hostess was Mrs. BARBARA DEN HAMER.

*- Evelyn Lee*

**(Payroll) -**

All Payroll personnel were quite busy preparing for the Christmas "Holidaze", so no one had time for travels or vacations at this time. However, they did enjoy a lovely Christmas luncheon at the M&M Club on December 17 and had many chuckles when they opened the "grab bag" gifts under their tree on Christmas eve. Best wishes are extended to all for a healthy and prosperous New Year.

*- Clara Lawrence*

**BEVERLY -**

Thanks to Pensioner BERNIE ZESCH and his wife for the Christmas mass card and letter...Glad to hear from Pensioner BILL RADLOFF. Thanks for the poem, Bill, you sure know how to rub it in on all of us that are still here...We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Superintendent JOHN FARRIS who went to his eternal reward, and to Operator FRANK BLACK in the loss of his son...The office force is in bad shape with Chief Clerk CHARLES KARSCHNICK, Clerks JOHN KIRBY and OZZIE GRIGALUNAS all on vacation...Supervisor JACK CLAYTON will be taking his pension soon. John was always a good friend, one to know and respect...On the sick list are Operators BOB LEWIS, CHARLES GILTMEIR, and JOHN RYAN.

Your co-reporter, AMOS FOSTER, just returned from Jamaica. I had to try those Tower Tornadoes that Operator WEATHERS told me about. I also spent some time in Atlanta, Georgia, and I must say it is a swinging town...Operator LEROY LILLY has returned to work after his tour of the states. He has visited 43 of them and has 7 more to go. He also brought some raw cotton back from Mississippi. Operator BANKS took one look at it and started to cry...My daughter, BRENDA FOSTER, celebrated her 14th birthday January 19. She is trying to catch up with me... Our basketball team is at it again, so check the bulletin board and get out and support the team...I am leaving for Memphis, Tennessee, and hope to see you all next month... We hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and is looking forward to a prosperous new year.

*- Tom Daniels & Amos Foster*

**CLAIM -**

We're starting our New Year on a rather sad note as one of our favorite people, GRACE JOHNSON, is retiring at the end of January. We know that Grace is very happy about retiring but we will miss her happy smile. She has been with the company for 43 years. Grace and her husband, WALTER (who is also retiring from the company after 42 years), will live in Antioch, Illinois. They have no definite plans right now as to what they will be doing, but they know they have a lot of work in store for them due to their moving. We sincerely wish Grace and Walter the best of everything in their retirement...On a happier note we would

WEDDING BELLS rang on October 31 for Mr. and Mrs. CLARENCE CRAWLEY at St. Leonard's Catholic church. The bride, the former LOIS POTTS, and her husband, both employed in the Claim Department, honeymooned in New Orleans and Florida.

like to extend a warm welcome to JOHN SMITH and DAN SULLIVAN, two new men who recently joined our department...DIANE RITROVATO would like to thank all of the people who donated to the Angel Guardian Orphanage fund. It made the children's Christmas a little happier...MARY TRAXLER would also like to thank all of the people who donated canned goods for the poor at Christmas...MIKE McDERMOTT, our superintendent, is a grandfather again, this time it's a baby girl, IRENE MARIE, born December 16, 1970. It makes him a grandpa for the sixth time... RUTHIE KAMINSKI, your co-reporter, and her husband, KEN, had a fantastic vacation in California and Las Vegas, Nevada. We are happy to note they broke even in Las Vegas. According to Ruthie, the highlight of their vacation was Disneyland where she got to meet Mickey Mouse in person.

*- Ruth Kaminski & Terri Kramer*

**ELECTRICAL (General Office) -**

MARIE HAVLIK and her sister, RUTH, of the Schedule Department, enjoyed a pre-Christmas holiday in Mexico. While in Mexico City they visited the Museum of Anthropology, attended a folklore ballet at the Palace of Fine Arts, and rode the new subway trains. Marie reports that the quiet trains are equipped with rubber-tired wheels, are very fast, and are popular with the people. They traveled by bus to Acapulco, stopping at Cuernavaca and Taxco where they purchased some lovely pieces of silver jewelry. From the balcony of their room in the Hilton hotel in Acapulco, they had a beautiful view of the beach and ocean as well as the outdoor swimming pool surrounded by gracefully landscaped gardens. They listened to Mariachi bands, shopped in the markets, and watched processions to the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. They flew home with fond memories of sunny beaches, sparkling Christmas lights, and warm breezes blowing through the palm trees... The Electrical Department's Christmas tree is packed away for another year and the "sweet table" has long since been depleted. We would like to thank the wives and mothers of our co-workers who gifted us with their homemade specialities. The cakes, cookies, and candies were delicious. So to Mrs. R. BIENIASZ, G. CHRISTENSEN, J. CHWISTEK, P. CLEAVER, J. HARTL, G. MATEJOVSKY, K. MIKOTA, M. RICKSON, H. SMITH, R. SWINDELL, T. SZEWC, and L. WIKSTEN, you would all get our vote in any bake-off contest...MARGARET KINSEY, MARIE HAVLIK, BERNADETTE KIZIOR, SANDY PFEIFFER, and KAY McALISTER celebrated the holidays with a luncheon in the Sample Room of the Mart...Best wishes to all for good health and peace in the New Year.

*- Kay McAlister*

**(Blue Island) -**

Well, here it is 1971 and we find another of our co-workers taking his pension. AMOS SMITH retired on January 1 and will make his home along the banks of the Kankakee river in Momence, Illinois...It was nice to hear from three pensioners, JOE NAGRODSKI in Southern Illinois, FRANK CORRIGAN in Central Illinois, and ARVIN WILMONT in Florida...Sorry to hear that GILBERT ANDREWS had a slight heart attack. Gil is now convalescing at Swedish Covenant hospital...We had a nice southern breakfast Christmas eve morning consisting of eggs, sausage, grits, coffee, muffins, homemade peach and strawberry preserves, and tomato juice. Thanks to HANK GABAUER and BILL REHDER. No matter how you wanted your eggs, they always seemed to turn up scrambled. Next year SAM CHARLETON has volunterred to be the cook...A very happy retirement to JOHN (The Silver Fox) DARCY. No question as to what John will be doing, as he is quite a traveler. Off sick as of this writing are JOE HERMAN, ROMAN PRIESBE, CHARLES MULBRANDON, and JAMES MURPHY. I am sure these men would appreciate a visit, card, or telephone call...On vacation at this time is JACK BECKER...Well, I have tried to put together a little column, but I am sure that with a little help from the line department, construction gang, substation maintenance, substation operators, and Chicago Avenue, we could put a full page out. So let's start in 1971. WRITE!

*- William Rehder*

PICTURED HERE is Airman First Class CARL L. WISINSKI, the son of Forest Glen Operator and Mrs. HENRY F. WISINSKI. Carl, a graduate of Weber High school, attended Lewis Technical Institute in Lockport, Illinois, before entering the air force. He is now stationed at Clark Air Base in the Philippines as an aircraft mechanic.

**ENGINEERING -**

Congratulations to CHESTER (Rusty) RUSAKIEWICZ on the arrival of a new grandchild. A baby girl was born on December 5 weighing 8 pounds 14 ounces and will answer to the name of JACQUELINE MARIE. The mother, FLORENCE ANN PIONKE, is the step-daughter of Rusty. Congratulations on your fourth grandchild, Rusty...Congratulations are in order for Mr. and Mrs. CALVIN POLLARD on the arrival of a baby girl on December 11 weighing 8 pounds 8 ounces. Calvin is an instrumentman in the Structural Design Section...A warm welcome is extended to two new draftsmen, BERT ROSALES and ABEL GOVEA, who recently joined the Engineering Department. We all wish both men much luck and happiness in their new endeavors. ..A warm welcome is extended to JOANNE BOETTIN, Real Estate Division, a temporary clerk-steno taking the place of ROBERTA STEWARD who transferred to the Transportation Department. Good luck to both girls on their new positions...Congratulations to EDWARD BECKER who retired on January 1 after 29 years of service. Ed was a survey party chief in the Structural Design Section. Best of luck and good wishes are extended to him from all of the engineering employes...BILL HUTCHINGS, drafting section, took the state examination for his architect license. From now until he learns the results of the test, he is at a disadvantage at work. He claims he finds it difficult to draw while fingers on both hands are crossed. Best of luck, Bill, hope you pass with flying colors...Do you remember a few months back when I announced that JOE URBASZEWSKI was the proud godfather of 18 guppies?

Well, the present count is now 11. I think the new mama gets awfully hungry now and then. The weekend of December 19 one guppy just got up and passed away. I have a strange feeling there's a lot of malnutrition going on in that fish bowl...Sorry to report that there's no news from the drafting section girl-watchers. Nevertheless, they promised to study real hard for next month's issue and give us a full report on the latest fashions and fads. Until then, keep them guessing girls!

**(West Shops) -**

Superintendent A. W. MALMQUIST, Track Department, recently celebrated his 25th anniversary by taking his lovely wife, HELEN, out to dinner. He said he was able to stay married that long because he did what his wife told him to do. Smart man...We had several deaths in families of CTAers this time. Our condolences to Labor Foreman ROCKY FERRARO whose brother-in-law died recently; to Tinner ADDY JOYCE who lost his father, and to Boiler Maintenance Man JOE FLYNN whose daughter, ELLEN MARIE, died two weeks after premature birth...We also had several births in CTA families this time. Surveyor CALVIN POLLARD's wife recently gave birth to a baby girl, and the proud papa passed cigars out. The wife of E. ZABIELSKI, carpenter, had a baby boy; they already have two girls...We welcome back Trackman DAN RENO who has been off for five months after suffering three heart attacks...There are a few changes that have taken place in the Track Department recently. Track Foreman CHARLIE DUNKINS, who used to handle the Dan Ryan line, will be found on the North Side in the spot CHESTER LASKOWSKI took his retirement from on January 1. And moving into Charlie's spot is Track Foreman BARNEY MOORE. Sorry to lose you in the office, Charlie, and welcome to the office, Barney, and good luck to Chester who has always been referred to as the mayor of the North Side...Bricklayer PAT DOYLE is glad to have his sprightly little seven year old son home from the hospital after breaking a leg while playing football...Assistant Bricklayer Foreman CHARLIE SCHREY is back from a two-week vacation in Arizona. He is beautifully tanned and looking more chipper than ever after surveying the property he will live on when he retires. He also spent some time with his daughter who recently purchased a home in Arizona. . . Electrician JOE CHRISTOI spent a week's vacation at home cleaning up his basement in preparation for a whopping big Christmas eve party. Joe said that just on his wife's side there were more than 70 grandchildren and great-grandchildren who were all in attendance at the affair. Mama Mia! That's-a-spicy-meatball!..The Division 241-CTA basketball league has gotten underway with our team playing two games and losing both to Kedzie Depot, 49-32 and 38-34, which were very close. Members of the team are: BUD GRAVES, JIM PERSON, EDDIE RICHARDSON, DON TILLERY, H. D. HERRING, JOE HILL, and JIM BEATTY. Anyone desiring to challenge them should contact Jim Beatty at ext. 416 West...Good luck to two more fellows who are retiring January 1, EDDIE BECKER, surveyor foreman, and JOE (Smoky) MARTELLO, carpenter...Your co-reporter, MARY GALLON, spent her Christmas holidays in St. Louis, Missouri, enjoying herself immensely despite the mishap of car trouble on the way back, which certainly could have been worse. She also wishes to thank all of those responsible in helping Santa Claus provide such lovely Christmas gifts for her.

*- Carol Bradac & Mary Gallon*

THE HAPPY bride and groom are ROBERT and KATHLEEN HARTZ who were united in holy matrimony on August 15 at St. Stanislaus Kostka church. The bride is the former KATHY SZATKOWSKI of the Public Information Department.

**FOREST GLEN -**

Happy New Year to all...Mr. and Mrs. ED KRUSER celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on January 23. Their children surprised them with a lovely dinner and dance party...By the way, men, have you noticed the big smile on PHIL MANGAN? Well, it's because of his Christmas present. I understand his lovely mother was finally able to make him happy. He is now the president of his own railroad. So from here on in, I believe the CTA will have a run for their money. If some of you men are not acquainted with Phil, you will find him at the clerk's window in the p.m. Thanks, Phil, you will be a great help to "Wilbur." Maybe you can give us a little inside dope on the boys, so please keep your ears open...Another of our outstanding clerks is HERBIE SCHMIDT who just celebrated 37 years of happiness. His wife has been able to put up with him this long, so she's going all the way now. Oh yes, Schmidt is a grandfather for the second time...Mr. and Mrs. BILL LYNAM celebrated their 39th year of love. Bill says the old gal looks as good as the day he married her. Well, that's love...A happy but belated birthday to GEORGE DEARMAN who celebrated his birthday on the finest day of the year--Christmas. Well, George, you may be able to guide the world to peace...Our hearts go out to E. STOBART on the loss of his lovely wife...Now that the Christmas season is over many of us are left with a few bills, so don't hesitate to drop in at our credit union for help...Let's work for a better record this year, men, and try to place Forest Glen on the top. Remember the ones who ride your bus pay your salary. Let's give them service, a smile, a thank you, and a second or more of waiting. It will go a long way. This is your life line, so let's all pull together.

*- W. A. Henry* (Don't call me Wilbur)

**GENERAL OFFICE (Treasury) -**

It was good to see the smiling face of CHARLIE ABT, who came back to work after a long siege of illness...Welcomed to the department as a token clerk was DENNIS MURPHY who came from Traffic Planning.

**(Law) -**

Good wishes for a happy retirement go to MARGARET CEPEK, secretary to the general attorney, who will take her pension on February 1 after 25 years of service. An open house was held on January 29 and all of her friends wished her good health and happiness.

**(Office Services) -**

JOHN PHILLIPS, mail clerk, returned to work after surgery...ROY COLCORD flew to Tallahassee, Florida, for the New Year holidays to visit with his sister. He sure hated to come back to this freezing weather. . . JOHN SCHWARTZ was appointed co-ordinator of Office Services. Congratulations, John, you sure are getting up in this world of ours.

**(Insurance) -**

SANDY MATUSZEWSKI became Mrs. KEVIN BARRETT on December 14. Kevin formerly worked in the Stores Department and resigned recently to join the Chicago Fire Department. . . CAROL ARNDT paid us a visit during the holidays to enjoy the Christmas party given by the department...DICK REDDING was surprised by a visit from his daughter, SUE, and her husband and son who drove in from Frazier, Michigan, for the holidays. Sue and her husband are former employes of CTA...JEANINE GERARD was installed as an officer in the Eastern Stars Englewood Chapter on December 1 at the Lawn Masonic temple. Congratulations!

**(Medical) -**

REGGIE DAREN's twin sister, RITA WISNIEWSKI, who formerly worked in the Claim Department for 18 years, paid her a visit along with her husband from Alameda, California. They flew in to see the snow for the holidays but were disappointed and left before we got the snowstorm. She certainly hasn't changed in her style and habits. It was good seeing you again, Rita, it brought back many old memories. . . ROSEMARY SIKIERSKI, formerly known to us as Nurse ROSEMARY BECKER, paid us a visit during the holidays with her daughter. They both looked good and in fine shape.

**(Training & Accident Prevention) -**

This Christmas was made a little bit happier for 135 teenage orphans at Angel Guardian Orphanage. Thanks to the help and enthusiasm of KATHY FABRY of Training & Accident Prevention, SUE STENZEL and CAROL CHOPP of Employe Relations, DIANE and ROSEMARIE RITROVATO of Claim, and PAT FLYNN of Engineering, who collected $150 in donations from members of the various departments. In all, 135 presents were bought, wrapped, and delivered to the orphanage and distributed to the teenage orphans. As a result, everyone involved felt this Christmas meant something really special...ART HUBACZ and his family celebrated Christmas in the old Polish traditional way: all kinds of goodies, but no meat or fowl. It was so traditional that it was written up in the North Chicago Journal. Well, now is the time for Art to start the New Year off right. He was seen on the scale weighing in and I wonder if that is a hint of one of his New Year's resolutions...WALT GARBUTT and his wife spent the Christmas holidays in Colorado with their daughter and son-in-law. Everything went fine until it came time to come home when all flights from Denver to Chicago were cancelled because of the bad weather. Even this wasn't bad until the restaurants at the airport ran out of food. But as Walt said, "I didn't mind--I wanted to go on a diet anyway."... Mrs. J. SNYDER celebrated her first anniversary in the department...Mrs. WILLIAM CLINE, in her first Christmas as a wife, said it was the best Christmas she ever had...BRUCE JOHNSON, the son of FRANK A. JOHNSON, superintendent of Training, Employment and Accident Prevention, is with the transportation corps in the Mekong Delta. Bruce helps to guard the port as well as supervise the loading and unloading of ships in the harbor, and at all times keeps a watchful eye out for any Viet Cong who might be trying to infiltrate the area. Since Bruce left for Viet Nam about ten days before Christmas, the Johnsons had an early holiday...MARY CLARKE, former supervisor in the department, made her annual Christmas visit. The consensus of opinion is that retirement is certainly agreeing with her...JOANNE BOURNE, former clerk-stenographer, gave birth to a 7 pound 11 ounce baby girl on January 5... Your co-reporters wish to thank General Manager T. B. O'CONNOR for the beautiful portfolio given to us at Christmas. It will go to good use.

POSING POOLSIDE, like a future "Miss America," is little BECKY LAST who enjoyed a vacation in sunny Florida. Becky's father, CLIFFORD LAST, is a bus operator at Forest Glen Station.

**(Property) -**

BONNIE KLETZKE spent her Christmas vacation in California. She probably visited Disneyland to obtain an autograph from Mickey Mouse. . . JAMES BARATTA vacationed during the same period and visited relatives and friends out West...PAT CLIFFORD played Santa Claus to his scout troop during the holidays...HAROLD BURDA received over 500 cigars from Santa. No shortage there... Grandpa BOLAND entertained his family at home for the holidays and almost ran out of chairs.

**(Research & Planning) -**

The holiday season is a time to get together with friends and relatives and many in R/P did just that. HERMAN ANDERS' grandsons flew in from Florida and his son and daughter-in-law came in from Flagstaff, Arizona. Herman said the house was in a slight turmoil at times, but no one cared because they were happy to be together. The kids kept him busy and sometimes he came to work a little tuckered out. Like we keep telling you, Herman, you're getting in that upper age bracket and can't keep up with those youngsters anymore...The FRANK MISEKS also had company over the holidays. They started with about 25 people for Christmas dinner and kept on going right to the new year. That's the reason he took his vacation that week, to recover from all the celebrating. . . STEVE LEGLER, along with his family, was in Minnesota visiting with his parents for the holidays. Steve looks forward to his trips back home, he only wishes he could stay longer...While all of us were watching the Rose Bowl game on our TV sets at home, FRANK IACONO Jr., the son of GRACE and FRANK IACONO, was lucky enough to see the real thing. He boarded a 747 with his grandparents and was on his way. The Rose Bowl parade was really spectacular, only to be topped by the game itself. The whole trip was a new

JOINING THE ranks of the retired on January 1 were the six employes pictured here who had 40 or more years of transit service each with CTA and its predecessor companies.

# NEW PENSIONERS

M. J. O'CONNOR
45 Years

C. E. KOPP
45 Years

J. MARTELLO
44 Years

L. J. BIEN
42 Years

J. A. HOLAKOVSKY
41 Years

C. H. KEENAN
41 Years

HERMAN A. AMBOS, Bus Repairer, North Park, Emp. 11-26-42
MAURICE H. BALLESTRO, Transfer Counter, Accounting, Emp. 10-10-42
EDWARD J. BECKER, Survey Party Chief, Engineering, Emp. 7-16-41
LEO J. BIEN, Supt. of Agents & Janitors, Lake & Jefferson Park, Emp. 12-27-28
JOHN D. BUTLER, Operator, 69th Street, Emp. 1-4-46
HAROLD W. FINLEY, Car Serviceman, Wilson Shops, Emp. 9-17-46
FRANK GIANCOLA, Gateman, North Section, Emp. 11-22-41
JOHN A. HOLAKOVSKY, Motorman, West Section, Emp. 5-23-29
CHARLES H. KEENAN, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 2-20-29
ALBERT J. KIESLING, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 8-26-42
CHARLES E. KOPP, Motorman, Kimball, Emp. 11-23-25
JOHN S. KOZLOWSKI, Operator, Archer, Emp. 11-25-42
EDWIN W. LAGERSTROM, Operator, Beverly, Emp. 3-27-34
CHESTER F. LASKOWSKI, Section Foreman, Engineering, Emp. 6-18-36
JOSEPH MARTELLO, Carpenter "A", Engineering, Emp. 5-5-26
FREDERICK C. McCOY, Operator, Archer, Emp. 10-31-42
NICHOLAS NAUERT, Janitor, Kedzie, Emp. 4-14-43
MICHAEL J. O'CONNOR, Superintendent, South Section, Emp. 6-13-25
WILLIAM J. ROACH, Operator, 69th Street, Emp. 3-27-34
JOHN S. SLATINSKY, Carpenter "A", South Shops, Emp. 9-18-39
AMOS E. SMITH, Electrician, Electrical, Emp. 12-28-45
SALVATORE J. VALLONI, Operator, 69th Street, Emp. 10-24-42
GEORGE WALKER, Laborer, South Shops, Emp. 3-13-51

## DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

HARRY F. HOSANG, Laborer, Stores, Emp. 8-8-41
DANIEL A. MOLINARE, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 4-14-43
EDWIN H. PLATH, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 10-5-40
JAMES SYLVESTER, Bus Repairer, Keeler, Emp. 10-18-44
THOMAS WITHERS, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 11-29-56

experience for Frank including the ride on the jumbo jet. From what Grace has told us, he is still talking about his escapades. Glad you had a nice time, Frank...Welcome to RON LUCZAK who is now supervisor of project liaison in R/P. Also, congratulations to STEVE LEGLER on his promotion to senior transit planner...R/P is going to start a miniature hockey team featuring BILL GOODWIN's daughters, MICHELLE and CATHY, and GEORGE MACAK's son, CHUCKY. We're recruiting now and should have our whole team in no time at all. Bill might consent to be manager because he's such a hockey nut. Both dads have been taking their kids skating. George hasn't tried the ice out--says he just likes to observe. He has more fun watching his little boy out on the ice than Chuck probably has himself. Bill wanted to get in on the act and tried skating. His daughters had a ball with their new skates but old dad had to get off because he was trying it without skates...JOHN O'CONNOR and his son, DENNIS, gave their new pool table a workout when they filled one of their holidays with 10 or 12 hours of pool with our British turnstile engineer, TERRY COLLINS, and his wife, CHRIS. Terry is in Chicago to commission another 65 turnstiles for CTA.

*- Regina Daren & Eileen Neurauter*

**LAWNDALE -**

Since I last reported to you it seems as though the Christmas presents really did flow in. LEON RICHMAN was treated to several nice gifts from his passengers on his Taylor-Sheffield run, and STANLEY HYERCZYK seemed to survive the Yuletide Season coming into the station several days straight with one or two gifts under his arms from his Blue Island-26th passengers... Lawndale is mourning the recent passing of Station Superintendent JOHN FARRIS who departed this earth on December 26. We extend our deepest sympathy to his immediate family and friends...LESTER MORTON considers himself the best golfer at Lawndale, and since the golfing season is approaching very rapidly, Lester has put out a challenge to JOHN PATER and EARL WASHINGTON, both of Lawndale, to meet him on the first tee...We had a few men under the weather through the holidays. They were W. HALLA, R. JONES, A. ADAMS, R. JENKINS, and S. PERRY. We're wishing these men a speedy recovery...ED McDERMOTT, H. COX, G. WOODS, G. BRICHACEK, and M. KARIOLICH all enjoyed a New Year vacation...We also extend our deepest sympathy to the family of EDDIE KAWCZYNSKI on the recent passing of his brother-in-law...A hearty happy birthday to the following personnel: C. KASAL, G. O'DONNELL, O. LENOIR, T. BUTLER, B. DAVIS, F. HRUBY, G. BROWN, A. PATTERSON, B. COOPER, D. PAPA, R. BRAXTON, H. REDDICK, R. LUCAS, R. SMITH, W. CHRISTIAN, G. MALARZ, F. DOWNEY, E. RIHA, R. BRUCE, T. HOUSTON, N. BROWN, J. PENDLETON, J. JAMISON, M. KARIOLICH, C. ADAMS, J. BURRIS, E. BENN, and T. JACKSON...Say, fellows, don't forget that Valentine's day is next month. Remember that special young lady...See you next month.

*- James Marshall*

**CHESTER LASOWSKI**, Engineering Department section foreman, is shown receiving his retirement portfolio from Superintendent of Engineering **E. E. OLMSTEAD** at an open house, December 30, in the Wilson Avenue Carpenter Shop. Chester retired on January 1 after 34 years of service.

**KEDZIE -**

Now that the holidays are over, we can all get back to normal. I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year...Congratulations to Operator J. J. STACK who took his pension and started his new role as a senior citizen. Now you'll have time to do all the things you have always wanted to do...It's always a pleasure to check for our runs in the morning as Clerks CLARK and J. BLAKE always have some kind of a comment to make. I wonder who writes their material?..Our deepest sympathy is extended to Operator M. GILMARTIN whose brother, T. GILMARTIN, passed away. He lived in Crystal Lake...To all the operators on the sick list, I hope by the time this issue is out, you will be well on the road to recovery or back to work...Don't forget our credit union, save a little each payday!

*- Raymond Graham*

**LIMITS -**

The Limits Credit Union business meeting and party was well attended on January 17. All members are requested to send or bring in their passbooks so that the interest can be entered in...The beautiful Christmas decorations that adorned Limits Station during the holiday season were put up by Operators WENZEL and PEISKAR. Thank you, men. . . Congratulations to MARIE McDANIEL, the daughter of Operator WILLIE McDANIEL, who will enter into training with TWA airlines as a stewardess upon her graduation from Loyola university. . . Supervisor PAUL KADOWAKI and his family have returned from a delightful vacation down around the Gulf of Mexico. Paul reports that he caught a 40-pound fish while on a deep sea fishing trip... Retired District Superintendent JOHN JACOBY and his dear wife spent the holidays with their son, JOHN JACOBY Jr., and his family. Young John is a bus operator at North Park Station... PHILLIP HUBER, a retired bus operator from Limits, was recently united in marriage to a lovely bride by the name of ANNE. They met while attending the Moody Memorial church. Their reception was held at the Merrimac Senior Citizens Club, Merrimac Park. Congratulations and best wishes to this fine couple...Instructor JAMES BROGAN and his family returned from a wonderful vacation down in sunny Arizona...Among those on the sick list at this time are Operators PRADZINSKI, FRANK ROBINSON, and NEWTON MYERS, and Supervisor GEORGE WICKMAN. We wish you men a speedy recovery...DAN

O'LEARY, BOB MORRISON, and Instructor JIM HENDERSON are now back on the active list after a siege of illness. ..Instructor MARVIN KOCAR did a fine job instructing the men at Limits in the use of the telephones which are being installed in the buses...Our sincerest sympathy to Pensioner WILLIAM TOBIN in the loss of his dear wife.

*- R. S. Benson*

**LOOP -**

We hope all our readers had a wonderful holiday. Your co-reporter, MILDRED DOYLE, had a marvelous Christmas. It was a joy to watch eight grandchildren open gifts and stare in wide-eyed wonder at the tree with its bright lights and glittering ornaments. The two one-year old boys were a special delight to watch as they squealed with joy over each toy received. The WIXTED family had a wonderful Christmas also at the home of your co-reporter, MARY WIXTED...Belated birthday wishes to Student Agent FRED TRIEM November 26, and tc Pensioned Janitor PETE NAUGHTON December 20...MARY GALLAGHER spent her Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays on the Emerald Isle with her family. You lucky girl, Mary...Agent FRED FRIEB and his wife, BETTY, helped celebrate the first birthday of their grandson, MARC, on December 13. Fred's son, RAY, and his lovely wife, SANDY, are now living in McHenry, Illinois...Clerk JOE MARKOS was seen carrying six or seven umbrellas under his arm as he passed through one of the stations. Perhaps Joe wants to make sure the raindrops won't keep fallin' on his head, if so, you're certainly prepared, Joe...Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD REDDING who celebrated their anniversary on December 18. Mrs. Redding is a former ticket agent and now working in the Claim Department at the Mart. Mr. Redding is with CTA Pension Department...Retired Collector SPIRO LAMBROS is still enjoying life as a pensioner. For the past year, he hasn't had to worry about the clock ringing, and has really been enjoying the spare time he spends with his grandchildren. Spiro and his wife celebrated their anniversary in November. Congratulations, and may you enjoy many more years together...MARGIE WHITE, retired agent now living in Ireland, sends best wishes to all her friends for a very Happy New Year... STEVE CUNNINGHAM, janitor and Loop gang leader, is still on sick leave. We hope he will soon be back on the job and in good health. Janitor CASTELLINO is recovering from a recent heart attack in Edgewater hospital. Best wishes for a quick recovery to both of you...Collector KAULIS is back from his Las Vegas vacation and feeling quite chipper. He didn't break the bank, but says he didn't leave any of his money behind. In fact, he left with a little more than he went with. Good boy, Kaulis...MARY STANCZEK was in the hospital for surgery. We hope at this writing she is well on the road to complete recovery...We are anxiously awaiting the return of LOUISE DREWS who has been ill...Our sincerest sympathy is extended to MONICA LEMPKE and MARION KAAD on the death of their sisters...Student Agent FRED TRIEM had a seven-day holiday so he flew to Washington, D.C., and then on to New York where he visited Columbia university's College of Physicians and Surgeons. Fred has plans to attend medical school when he receives his Ph.D. at the University of Illinois...If you are looking for a really lovely poncho, sweater, hat, scarf, or vest, check with MORA HAASE. Mora does lovely work and is quite reasonable...Switchman HANK OLWIG, Douglas terminal, and his family spent their vacation in Deerfield, Florida, this year. They visited with BILL BARGHOLTZ and his wife. LORRETA. Bill asks to be remembered to all his old friends. Anyone planning a trip to Florida can look him up in Deerfield and he will be glad to see you and show you a good time...It is on a sad note that we bid a fond adieu to Superintendent LEO BIEN who retired on January 1. Mr. Bien was deeply respected by all who worked with him. We wish him a wonderful retirement filled with peace and contentment...Congratulations to ROZENDA MAXIE who will become Mrs. VAUGHN HAWKINS on April 17. The best of everything to the future bride and groom.

*- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wixted*

LITTLE FIVE-week old STEPHEN MAY is being held by his two-year old big brother, PAUL, and seems to be enjoying every minute of it. Stephen and Paul are the grandsons of Superintendent GEORGE MAY, Limits Station.

**MILWAUKEE, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -**

Superintendent LEO J. BIEN took his pension on January 1 after more than 40 years of service. We extend our most sincere wishes for many enjoyable years of relaxation. Jefferson Park, Lake Street, and the CTA are losing a valuable superintendent and a wonderful person...We welcome EDWARD MITCHELL, a former instructor and line supervisor, who replaced Mr. Bien. Superintendent BILL LIMANOWSKI, Congress and Douglas, was transferred to the North Side, and JIM ROBERTS will take his place. Former Line Supervisor FRENCHIE ELLIS will be the new relief superintendent. We wish them the best of luck and hope they enjoy their jobs...Your co-reporter, KATY MORIARTY, and her brothers and sisters are planning to send their parents to Ireland in June. It will be their first vacation in over 30 years...WILLA HAYWOOD became a grandma for the fourth time when her daughter, CHARMAINE BARBER, gave birth to a baby girl, CHANTE SHAVETTE, on November 15 weighing 5 pounds 6 ounces. The baby's father is stationed in Korea with the army...Janitor FRANK CULL would like to thank all the agents on the Kennedy line who helped to make his Christmas a merry one...CLEMENTINE BROWN was married to ROBERT OWENS on November 4 and took a short honeymoon to Detroit, Michigan, on December 24. Congratulations to the newlyweds...Congratulations are also in order for ROZENDA PATRICIA MAXIE who became engaged to VAUGHN EDWARD HAWKINS. The wedding is planned for April 17, 1971...ERIC DIXON, the son of DOLORES DIXON, is stationed in Viet Nam and

SANDRA AND PETER SZATKOWSKI are pictured in front of the CTA bus that carried their family to Queen of the Apostles church, Riverdale, Illinois, where they were united in holy matrimony on November 29. Peter is the son of PETER SZATKOWSKI, Electrical Department, Rapid Transit Line Division. The bus operator is EDDIE DAPPEN, Limits Station.

called her on Christmas day. Dolores said that was the nicest Christmas present she ever received...TRACEY JENNIFER JONES, the daughter of Assignment Agent JACKIE and Trainman WILBUR JONES, spent her first Christmas and her first birthday, December 29, enjoying all her new toys. Tracey has found, after only two months of walking, that it is easier to ride her tricycle to get somewhere faster...Your co-reporter, GRACE MOUNTS, had all four of her children and their families home for Christmas for the first time in 17 years. One daughter had to work and missed dinner...ALLEN BUTLER, age 10, the son of Assignment Agent LUDY BUTLER, had his lifelong dream come true on Christmas day when Santa brought him a Collie puppy. His mother was as excited as he was... BETTY RUSSO and LOUISE DREWS are still home recuperating and we are hoping to see them back soon...Former Student Agent BARB (Skinny) POSUCH spent her holidays in the hospital having her appendix removed...We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of MARIAN KAAD on the loss of her sister; to ALAN KERN on the loss of his father, and to RONALD WINSTON on the loss of his father...Janitor DON LIBERKO, West Section, claims he has never had his name in the Transit News, and has promised to give us the details on the next exciting thing that happens to him... You can contact your co-reporter, GRACE MOUNTS, at Spaulding, Ext. 2519, Tuesday through Saturday, 3 p.m. to 11 p.m., and give her all the news.

*- Grace Mounts & Katy Moriarty*

**NORTH AVENUE -**

A buddy and I visited Pensioner LARS PEARSON at Mountain Home, Arkansas. We took Route 66 most of the way and it was a beautiful drive. It is 575 miles to Lars' home. He has a lovely home and his own boat and trailer. We fished one of the lakes and didn't get a bite. The next five days we fished the White river and just about got our limit each day, bringing home a good catch of trout. The weather was nice, we had plenty of rest, and the meals were exceptionally good. Lars' better half, ANNA, prepared us some delicious meals for which we thank her. Lars is always happy to see his old friends if you are down that way. His address is 519 Russell street, Mountain Home, Arkansas 72653...Operator ARTHUR THIEL and his wife spent an enjoyable vacation visiting the Hawaiian Islands...Our congratulations to Pensioner ERVIN DIETZ and his wife, ERMA, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 7. They live at 706 North Taylor in Oak Park...GEORGE E. MAY, the son of Superintendent GEORGE T. MAY, Limits Depot, passed the principal's exam for the Board of Education...We received some welcome letters from our pensioners. GUS MAY and his Mrs. send a hello to all their old friends. They are well and happy. ART and BETTY MOILANEN tell us the fishing is good at Lanse, Michigan. Art has been having some trouble with his back. Their address is now 120 E. Broad, Apt. 8, Lanse, Michigan 49946. Operator VIGGO WINDFELD sent us the address of Pensioner HANS HABBESTAD, Route 1, Box 180-P, Eatonville, Washington 98328. Hans sends greetings to all and would like to hear from his old friends. We were happy to hear from FLORENCE BLAKE, the widow of our old friend JERRY BLAKE. FRANK and MARIE COLEMAN's letter reminisced about old times...For lovely Christmas cards we thank Operators RICHARD SCHOLTENS, FLORIAN DWIEL, ARTHUR THIEL, EDWARD GUNDLACH, WALTER STRAUBING, and AARON AMOS; and Operators J. RICHARDSON, GUY DI MEO, and ROGER STEELE of Kedzie Depot. We also thank Pensioners BILL ECHOLS, VIGGO WINDFELD, E. DIETZ, JOE REINHART, BARNEY CALLAHAN, JOHN KULLOWITCH, GUSTAV MAY, JOHN SENKO, ARMIN KOEHN, LEO PLUSKOWSKI, FRANK COLEMAN, RUDY MAU, ERNEST BOCK, HAROLD (Frenchy) LEMIEUX, ART MOILANEN, LARS PEARSON, ELMER DEEGAN, JOE HIEBEL (former scribe), HUGH GARRY, and GEORGE JOHNSON. And last, but not least, Checker FRANK PONZIO, and Clerk ERNEST LOTITO of North Park garage...Pensioner WALTER KRUEGER and his wife would be happy to hear from their old friends. Their address is P. O. Box 43, Twin Lakes, Wisconsin 53181...The wife of Operator HERBERT JONES was in the hospital over Thanksgiving. We are sorry to report she may have to return, so how about some prayers for her complete recovery very soon...Pensioner HAROLD GERTZ passed away on December 1. Our seepest sympathy is extended to his family. "There, by His love o'ershaded, sweetly my soul shall rest."..If you haven't already done so at some time or other, you must go out and cut down your own Christmas tree. This is the advice of Switchboard Operator WALTER BLIX, who along with his better half and their daughter and son-in-law, sallied forth one Saturday and did just that. Of course if you go after a two day rainfall it makes it that much more fun (?). You wallow in mud that's well over your ankles, to say nothing of slipping and sliding in all the gooey stuff. Then there's also the chance of getting your car stuck about hubcap deep if you're not real careful. They came away with two of the best trees they have ever had and the fellows have told their wives, "Never again", at least not until next year. And now for more news from Walter, who sees all, hears all, and passes some of it on to us...Now that the holidays have passed into history, the fellows in the front office are going to miss all those goodies that they had before Christmas. It seems there was a steady stream of jelly rolls, sweet rolls, Italian pastries (thanks to the repair department), homemade cookies from VIRGINIA BLIX's kitchen (on three different occasions, no less), and then there was that enormous caddy of assorted cookies from one of the best kookie companies in the business (spelling it with a "K" should give you a hint as to the name of the company). For these, our thanks to the wife of Clerk ED (Volvo) WITEK. The homemade cookies were the ones that really spoiled District "C" Superintendent VIC LAULETTA. Again, our thanks to everyone, and needless to say we're all looking forward to next Christmas and another round of high-caloried days...We thought we knew all there was to

know about the Florida vacation of Superintendent BILL MOSER and his family. Sorry you didn't get to Cuba, boss. After reading the recent column from Public Information, down at the Mart, we have been trying to put the following items together and come up with an answer; KATHY MOSER, "halo", "cloud nine", and "long-stemmed roses." It seems somebody is holding out on us. I wonder how we ever got scooped on that story?..Clerk TOM HICKEY would sure like to hop on that new bike that Santa left at his house and pedal all the way to work from Elmhurst just so he could thumb his nose at every gas station he passed. How about it, Mrs. HICKEY...We hope by this time that former Switchboard Operator CHARLEY SCHMIDT is out of the hospital and well on the road to recovery after a recent eye operation. This is also extended to the other fellows on our sick list, Superintendent FRANK BUETOW and Chief Clerk FRED MURBARGER. Remember them in your prayers. Thanks again, Walter, for your help with this column...New members of the Courtesy Caravan Club are Operators A. JENKINS, J. DUBIN, W. JOHNSON, B. WILLIAMS, O. JOLLEY, C. BISWURM, G. DE JESUS, M. LONGTIN, and N. GLENN. Let's all make an effort to be on the list...Winter's slippery weather is bad for driving, so drive carefully. Be extra watchful especially with the elderly when they are boarding and alighting...As I look back over this column, I realize the pensioners are the ones keeping me informed of the news. How about the rest of you?

*- William Miedema*

**NORTH PARK -**

Operators: Let's all try to comply with our parking privileges. We are fortunate to have room for parking, and a little consideration of following the rules will be appreciated. Try and use your space only and park in the areas according to time schedules...Operator EDWARD BORDES retired on January 1 after 34 years of service. Ed was a night bus operator on Clark street and made many friends on the line. May his years of leisure living be long and enjoyable...Pensioner JOE LEHMANN of Port Arthur, Michigan, where he is engaged in truck farming, spent a week's vacation in Chicago and stayed at the home of Operator JIM and RITA DOLAN...Operator DALE GILMER and his wife, OPAL, traveled to Bold Knob, Arkansas, to visit Mr. and Mrs. ORTO WHITLEY. Next stop on the agenda was a visit to Long Beach, California, to visit Mr. and Mrs. WALTER HAMILTON, and then on to Sacramento to visit Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM BROWN. Dale reports that while fishing on the Sacramento river he caught a coho salmon weighing 22 pounds...Operator TED KINDERMAN and his wife, MARGE, visited their daughter, Mrs. PATRICIA GABBETT, and their granddaughter, MARGIE, who reside in Silver Springs, Maryland. The Kindermans celebrated Thanksgiving and Christmas while there...Operator BURT SCHWARTZ and his wife, LINDA, and their son, SAMUEL, vacationed in New Orleans, Louisiana, where Linda's parents, Mr. and Mrs. ALBERT ROBBINS, live. This was the Robbins' first visit with their grandson, Samuel, and Linda's grandmother, Mrs. SARAH KLEIN. Also on the agenda were several visits to the French Quarter...Operator SIDNEY HUTNICK and his wife, SUSAN, drove to Bonita Springs, Florida, to visit with Pensioner CHARLES and ANNIE KERR. The next stop was Fort Lauderdale where the Hutnicks visited Pensioner JACK and WANDA KRAUSE who were most gracious hosts. The Hutnicks then boarded the M.S. Skyward for a cruise to San Juan, Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, and the Island of Haiti. While in Puerto Rico the Hutnicks met Board Member FRANK LASKE and his wife, GERTRUDE, and had a most enjoyable day sightseeing with them...DANNY KNUDSEN, the son of Operator BILL KNUDSEN, was awarded his numerals for his participation as a member of the freshman football team at Hirsch High school...Operator CHARLEY KEMP and his son, GARY, bagged their limit of rabbit and pheasant while hunting at Kirksville, Illinois...JOE DAUGRID Jr., the son of Instructor JOE DAUGRID, finished his second year at Loyola university law school, while Joe's daughter, DEBBIE, enrolled at Southern Illinois university, where she will be majoring in art...Operator LEONARD WACHOWSKI and his wife and daughters, SANDY and DEBBIE, were cited and photographed in the Chicago papers for their part in obtaining furniture and clothing for the Bryon McDonald family who were burned out in a recent fire at their home. We at North Park extend our congratulations to the Wachowski family for their timely help to the McDonald family...JOHN STEINBEISS, the son of Instructor WALTER and MARY STEINBEISS, was inducted into the U.S. Air Force and is receiving his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas...Operators ARTURO RIVERA and MORT LIBERT have transferred to Skokie Shops and are very happy in their new positions... Mrs. FLORENCE YAWORSKI, the wife of Operator CAZ YAWORSKI, was seriously injured in an automobile accident and at this writing is hospitalized at St. Joseph's hospital in Elgin, Illinois. Our prayers are with you, Florence, for a complete recovery.

The Sambruca Club of Chicago held their annual dinner dance on Saturday, November 21, at the Chateau Royale. Chairman of the affair was Operator PAT SCIORTINO, assisted by Operators PETE MARCHISOTTO and JOE DE SPARTA. Division 241 President WARREN SCHOLL and his wife, HELEN, along with Mr. and Mrs. TONY BRUNO, Mr. and Mrs. DALE PETERS, Mr. and Mrs. JOE DI GIOVANNI, Mr. and Mrs. LE ROY CARR, Mr. and Mrs. JOHN ERICKSEN, Mr. and Mrs. EARNEST BUCHANAN, and Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE HUFF were among the honored guests and personnel of North Park who attended this gala event... Clerk WALTER RINGHOFF has resigned his position at CTA and is moving to Glendale, Arizona, where he will have new interests to keep him busy. We at North Park extend our best to Wally and wish him luck in his new enterprise...Pensioner JOHN JACOBY and his wife, BERTHA, left the warm weather of Scottsdale, Arizona, and returned

THIS YOUNG man is ROBERTSON WAYNE HARVEY, the son of Operator W. HARVEY, Limits Station. After having served two years in the armed forces, Robertson is now studying law at the University of Illinois.

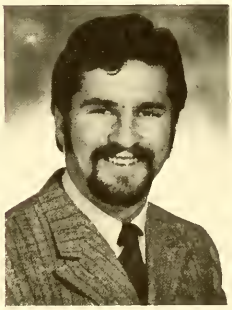
to Chicago to visit their son, JOHN Jr., and their many friends. While Jake had a grand time here, he was happy to board that 747 for the return trip home...Operator DICK GUSTAFSON and his wife, MERCEDES, became grandparents for the first time, when their daughter, Mrs. KAREN HAASE, gave birth to a daughter, MARY ANN, born on October 19 at Columbus hospital weighing 6 pounds 13 ounces...Happy anniversaries are extended to: Operator SIDNEY HUTNICK and his wife, SUSAN, their 29th; Operator BOB WALTERS and his wife, DORCAS, their 34th; Operator ELI PESTINE and his wife, RUTH, their 38th; Operator SAM POSNER and his wife, their 32nd; Operator JOHN EISELT and his wife, LOUISE; Supervisor LARRY BENNETT and his wife, JULIA, their 30th; Operator DAVE ARREGUIN and his wife, THERESA, their 14th; Pensioner WALTER LINDEMANN and his wife, ELEANOR, their 43rd; Operator JIM HALL and his wife, VIRGINIA, their 20th, and Operator BILL HODGSON and his wife, LORRY, their 21st...Happy birthdays are extended to the following: Operator TIM MOYNIHAN, Mrs. EULALIE DOWEY, and Mrs. MARY HOLZMAN...Our sympathy is extended to the family of Operator HOWARD LYLE who passed away suddenly...Repair Department Chit Chat: Repairman DAN PRISBLE and his lovely wife enjoyed their second honeymoon with a fabulous trip to Hawaii...Benchman HERMAN AMBOS and his wife, EVELYN, spent a week's vacation at Powers Lake, Wisconsin, where their daughter, VERA, and her husband, EDWARD LASCO, live. Herman reports that the ice fishing was fair...Also enjoying vacations were the following: MIKE MUSIELSKI, BOB JOHNSON, FRANK SIBLEY, HOWARD HALVERSON, JIM KULCZYK, PAUL SCHREVES, JIM MARTIN, RAY LEONHART, GEORGE SERRITELLA, FRANK BUGLIO, GEORGE WITT, JOE MAREK, GENE DRZEWICKI, and EARNIE LOTITO...Mrs. CHRISTINE PLUTA, the wife of Repairman TERRY PLUTA, gave birth to her second child, a son named JEFFERY SCOTT, who was born on December 8 at Gottlieb Memorial hospital weighing 10 pounds 7½ ounces...The garage extends a hearty welcome to the following servicemen: WILLIAM THOMAS, FRANK AMBERS, MIKE NEWKIRK, CHARLES BOOZE, KENNETH MOORE, FRED NEWMAN, JOE HOSTRAWSER, and PETE HENEGHAN...Benchman HERMAN AMBOS retired on January 1 and was honored with a party and gift on his last day. Herman's plans for the future are indefinite...Foreman PHIL O'CONNOR has asked the operators to be sure to mark any defects on their buses on the sign-in sheet so prompt attention can be given to them... The sympathy of the garage and depot is extended to Repairman ALEX FRITZLER on the loss of his beloved wife, BERNICE...Pensioner ELMER KNUDSON was a recent visitor at North Park and delivered his usual present to the credit union. Elmer wants to take this opportunity to say hello to his many friends.

*- Melvin Horning*

**NORTH SECTION -**

Happy New Year. May we all find 1971 to be a healthy, happy, and prosperous year...Here on the North Side we are starting things out with a big bang...Once again we lost our station superintendent, E. J. HEATTER, who was transferred to Ashland Avenue. We all wish him good luck over there. At the same time, we gained MIKE LaVELLE as our new superintendent. We also gained WILLIAM LIMANOWSKI as our new assistant superintendent. We extend a hearty welcome to them...Congratulations are in order for Switchman JAMES ZEPP and his wife, BARBARA, who became the parents of a new son, JAMES CHRISTOPHER, born November 29. Also congratulations to Towerman JOHN NIMTZ and his wife on the birth of their first, a girl, NATASHA, born on December 6...We wish speedy recoveries to the employes that are off sick at this time: Agent JERRY OLSEN and Janitor JOHN BONNER. Motorman R. FREEMAN underwent surgery at Presbyterian-St. Lukes hospital and is now back at work. Agent WARDEN MARKS has also returned after a long siege of illness...Our condolences and sympathy to Motorman F. KLIECH on the death of his father on December 8. Also to DELORES JONES whose 16 year old cousin met an untimely death on Thanksgiving day...I received a note from Agent EVELYN LANZ. Ev thanks all her many friends for the calls, cards, and gifts she received while off sick. She is getting along fine and is beginning to see much better since her eye surgery. She claims she misses the job and her many friends, and hopes to be back in February...Retired Ticket Agent EMMA RENNHACK would like to hear from her former co-workers. She misses everyone--and the road, too. To all retired CTA employes, we who are still here wish you a Happy New Year...Ticket Agent MINNA KING flew to Florida on December 14 to help her father celebrate his 84th birthday...Former Student Agent FRANK DE LA PAZ resigned on December 21 to take a position as correctional parole counselor with the Illinois State Department of Corrections. Frank will be assigned on Chicago's South Side. Frank has received a law enforcement assistance grant to continue his studies towards public administration in criminology. Frank extends his well wishes to the many friends he made at CTA. Our own wishes go to Frank in his new venture...Former Agent ANDY THELIN was home for the holidays from the air force. Andy is the son of Agent HENRY THELIN. Mr. and Mrs. Thelin also have two other sons in the air force, one in England and the other in Puerto Rico. Andy would like to hear from his CTA friends. His address is: Andrew Thelin, Box 8843-23 C.E.S., McConnell AFB, Wichita, Kansas 67221...Also home for the Christmas holiday, on a four-day pass from the air force, was CHARLES (Ricky) KORAL, the son of Howard Street Supervisor JOE KORAL. ..Howard Street Station Clerk BILL KUCIVER and his wife

**SHOWN HERE** are **JAMES** and **JOYCE MUELLNER**, the son and daughter of **JOHN W. MUELLNER**, Surface Division Garage Supervisor. James was awarded a scholarship by the Illinois State Library and is now working for his masters degree in library science at Northern Illinois university. Joyce, a former Chicago school teacher, is now employed by the Department of Defense as a teacher at Clark Air Force Base in Manila.



and daughters had a great big reason for having a wonderful Christmas. Their son, MICHAEL, was discharged from the army in time to be home for Christmas...Instructor WENDELL MANN, known to his fellow employes as Willie, was ordained as a minister of the Gospel on November 29 at the Acme Missionary Baptist church, 8758 S. Peoria. Mr. Mann was also installed as assistant pastor of the church. Congratulations, Willie, from us all. . . J. W. BRUCKER, superintendent of agents, informed us that he had a wonderful Christmas. His daughter and her family from California, and his daughter and her family from Hoffman Estates, all came home for Christmas. Mr. Brucker said his house was full of tiny voices and running feet and that he ate so much food, it was a wonder that he could even move...Never let it be said that operating a train every day is enough action for Motorman BOBBY HILL. On weekends, Bobby goes to Wisconsin and rides up and down the hills on a snowmobile. Wonder what he is looking for?..Birthday greetings to Agent DELORES L. JONES, Janitors WARDELL LEE and LUTHER STOKES, and Agent CAROL GREEN STEVENSON...A welcome back to work to Janitor JOHN DENNARD who was off work for two months because of illness. Our well wishes for continued good health...Clerk ANGELO (Andy) BIANCHINI and his wife, PEARL, flew to Miami, Florida, and spent eight days in the sun, swimming in the hotel pool and the Atlantic ocean. While there they visited Andy's brother who drove them through the Everglades and to Naples, Florida. Both came home with a good suntan. Naples? Leave it to an Italian...Supervisor HAROLD THURBUSH is now working on the North Side in place of TIM McDONAGH who went into the Instruction Department. Good luck to you both...A little note to our foot collectors--now that you have the new money carts, don't forget your Wheaties...Ticket Agent CAROLYN GREEN and EARL STEVENSON were married August 8 in Grace Methodist church. Carolyn is just now telling us about it...Former Supervisor EDWARD PORTER has returned to us as an agent. He was in Haar, Germany, for a number of months where he took his daughter to a renowned nerve clinic and says she has improved greatly. Haar is a small village just outside Munich. Ed also wants to thank all his many fellow co-workers who are helping him in his new job...Janitor JAMES O'MALLEY and his wife were blessed with a baby girl on December 4. All poor Jim keeps doing is staring into space and saying, "I just don't know how it happened." Come on, Jim...New agents to the North Side are: BETTY STANLEY and Student Agents T. ZETTERLUND and R. RAHRMAN. Welcome aboard, and may you enjoy working for the CTA...I would like to say that at Christmas time my many passengers were simply swell to me. Who would think that an agent would get gifts? I received a total of 62 gifts from my many passengers, even though they won't read this, I am very grateful...Kimball Motorman CHARLIE KOPP retired on January 1 with a total of 45 years of service. His many friends at Kimball will miss him, and they all wish him the best of everything and hope he will enjoy many happy years of retirement...Say, fellow employes, we are trying to get a bowling team together. Anyone interested, please contact Clerk ROBERT STEWART, care of Howard Street Terminal, giving him all information with your days off. You can also contact me at Chicago and State subway station, ext. 480, except Tuesday and Wednesday. Mr. Stewart and I believe that we, as a good working section, should do something together and all pull together for a better CTA. So either write Mr. Stewart or myself and we will take it from there. This includes agents, conductors, motormen, janitors, and anyone working on the North Side. So let's get with it and sign up for a bowling team.

*- Tina Henke*

**OPERATIONS (Transportation) -**

KATHY KRUEGER flew to London for two weeks of relaxation. She stayed with her friends JIM and MARY GRACE JEWELL (Bremer), formerly of the Training Department. Kathy spent a good part of the time playing with their new baby, DIANA, and also did some shopping. She said it was quite an experience being there when they were having problems with the electricity and the lights kept going out. A must was riding the subway trains and the upper level of a double-deck bus. The weather was very nice, she had a wonderful time, and would like to make a return visit...We would like to welcome ROBERTA STEWARD, our new clerk-stenographer, who transferred from the Employment Department replacing LORRAINE BRAZZLE who transferred to the Specifications Department. Another new member of our department is MARILYN KRUPINSKI, telephone operator, who is replacing ROSEMARIE HEMZACEK who transferred to information clerk. We wish all of you good luck in your new jobs...BURCHARD POGUE and his wife, FLORENCE, drove to Nashville, Tennessee, during the Christmas holiday to see their new granddaughter, JENNIFER (the total number of grandchildren now stands at ten). They stayed with their son, MICHAEL, a former mechanic at Forest Glen, for two days and returned home after a very enjoyable visit with their family...ART and FLORENCE ROEPKE recently became grandparents for the second time. On December 27, DEAN MICHAEL came into the world weighing 7 pounds 11 ounces. The proud parents are DEAN and KATHY ROEPKE. The LUKES, MARTY and SHIRLEY, proudly announced the arrival of another baby boy, TIMOTHY JAMES, born on December 23 weighing 7 pounds 3 ounces and 20 inches long. They now have two boys and one girl. Congratulations to all the new parents and grandparents...During the Christmas holidays, SAM KELLEY, a retired information clerk, came to the general office to visit with his friends. He looks real great and is enjoying his retirement...Your scribe flew to Miami to spend the New Years weekend with JACK and WANDA KRAUSE. Directly from the airport we went to a party and I also went swimming. After a full day of fishing on Sunday, January 3, I returned to their home and was stunned when I walked into the house all decorated and filled with my friends for a surprise birthday party for me. Believe it or not, I was speechless. My sincerest thanks to Jack and Wanda for the wonderful party. This is the first time anyone has been able to put something over on me like that, and I'm sure this is one birthday I'll never forget. I did many things during the short time I was there and had a great time.

**(Utility and Emergency Service) -**

We extend our deepest sympathy to STEVE HERMAN whose brother passed away, to ED KENNEDY on the loss of his mother, and to ART FRANK who lost his mother-in-law...We were all happy to see L. GALLE, C. GAGE, and W. MOOG return from the sick list. Still off sick are T. CALABRESE, J. VAN GEENAN, and R. MENDYK...Coming back from his vacation recently was N. GWELKE, who we understand did not make expenses at Las Vegas. Other holiday vacationers were W. MOOG, F. FIORE, H. FELTZ, A. CANDELLA, L. LINDNER, L. DREWNIAKOWSKI, and J.

# RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYES

SIMON ANDERSON, 79, Kedzie,
Emp. 3-6-23, Died 11-9-70
BERNARD C. ANDREWS, 66, Forest Glen,
Emp. 4-7-25, Died 11-1-70
ARTHUR BADER, 70, South Shops,
Emp. 3-27-34, Died 11-5-70
GEORGE BAGNALL, 87, Kedzie,
Emp. 4-18-16, Died 11-11-70
ROBERT BELL, 78, North Avenue,
Emp. 10-9-22, Died 11-1-70
WILLIAM J. BOND, 74, 77th Street,
Emp. 1-13-20, Died 11-5-70
WALTER C. BUDZISZ, 53, South Shops,
Emp. 5-17-46, Died 12-1-70
CHARLES A. DICKE, 79, 77th Street,
Emp. 9-24-12, Died 10-30-70
STANLEY EISIN, 61, South Section,
Emp. 6-29-34, Died 12-6-70
THOMAS A. ELLERY, 66, Keeler,
Emp. 10-1-42, Died 11-10-70
JAMES P. FANLON, 86, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 5-28-08, Died 11-9-70
JOHN S. FARRIS, 63, Lawndale,
Emp. 5-4-40, Died 12-26-70
FRANK FILIPPELLI, 65, Congress,
Emp. 9-2-41, Died 11-8-70
CASPER FRANZ, 69, Forest Glen,
Emp. 4-6-42, Died 11-8-70
HAROLD E. GERTZ, 57, North Avenue,
Emp. 8-24-37, Died 11-28-70
SAM GUCCIONE, 85, Track,
Emp. 5-16-22, Died 11-24-70
ROBERT A. GUYSSENS, 63, North Park,
Emp. 6-21-39, Died 11-20-70
WALTER J. HANNEBOHM, 68, District "C",
Emp. 10-20-27, Died 11-26-70
ROY C. HARTIGAN, 81, Devon,
Emp. 1-5-29, Died 11-23-70
GEORGE A. HOLMES, 75, Shops & Equipment,
Emp. 3-16-48, Died 10-29-70
LYLE HOWARD, 57, Kedzie,
Emp. 12-2-42, Died 11-28-70
EARL H. JOHNSON, 84, West Section,
Emp. 9-3-09, Died 10-26-70
CORDELL JONES, 39, Archer,
Emp. 7-2-69, Died 11-28-70
OTTO JUREW, 75, Kedzie,
Emp. 1-31-17, Died 11-21-70
FRANK J. KLEICH, 76, North Section,
Emp. 5-21-24, Died 12-6-70
WILLIAM F. KOEHLER, 77, North Section,
Emp. 5-8-23, Died 11-13-70
FRANK J. KOFRANEK, 84, West Section,
Emp. 8-27-24, Died 11-28-70
WILLIAM E. LAWLER, 72, 77th Street,
Emp. 10-10-24, Died 11-10-70
HERMAN W. LEUSCH, 75, Devon,
Emp. 10-15-13, Died 11-25-70
MARCO LOCASTO, 57, 69th Street,
Emp. 8-5-41, Died 11-2-70
DAVID R. LONG, 71, Howard Street,
Emp. 1-7-29, Died 12-3-70
JOHN C. LUNN, 78, Way & Structures,
Emp. 4-1-26, Died 10-24-70
ROBERT B. MacMILLAN, 71, Devon,
Emp. 11-6-22, Died 11-12-70
BERNARD McCORMICK, 38, Electrical,
Emp. 7-15-48, Died 12-6-70
ANTON MICHNIEWSKI, 82, Kedzie,
Emp. 7-23-23, Died 11-14-70
TONI MORTELLARO, 58, Building,
Emp. 6-30-43, Died 11-24-70
STEWART W. MULHOLLAND, 70, Kedzie,
Emp. 4-16-37, Died 12-6-70
GEORGE G. NEAD, 61, Forest Glen,
Emp. 4-16-34, Died 11-5-70
JOHN A. O'BRIEN, 75, 77th Street,
Emp. 6-20-23, Died 10-7-70
MAURICE V. O'BRIEN, 74, 61st Street,
Emp. 7-6-27, Died 11-9-70
EVAR OHLSON, 61, Forest Glen,
Emp. 5-19-42, Died 11-28-70
IVAN O. OLSON, 63, 77th Street,
Emp. 1-22-34, Died 11-26-70
BALTRAS S. PAULIKONIS, 77, Archer,
Emp. 8-11-43, Died 11-25-70
FRED H. PLATTNER, 81, North Section,
Emp. 1-9-23, Died 11-24-70
SIMO S. POPOVICH, 83, Way & Structures,
Emp. 4-15-21, Died 10-26-70
JOHN RAKOCZY, 71, Police,
Emp. 10-10-29, Died 11-28-70
EDWIN R. SAVAGE, 38, Kedzie,
Emp. 11-8-62, Died 12-4-70
HERBERT H. SCHWARZ, 82, North Section,
Emp. 1-31-42, Died 11-4-70
GUST G. SKIZAS, 79, 77th Street,
Emp. 3-30-43, Died 10-24-70
ROBERT SMITH, 88, Devon,
Emp. 10-5-17, Died 11-12-70
JOHN A. SOKOLOSKI, 84, Track,
Emp. 8-3-29, Died 11-19-70
BERL L. SPARKS, 66, 77th Street,
Emp. 11-22-28, Died 11-22-70
JOHN J. STEVENS, 60, 77th Street,
Emp. 8-21-46, Died 11-28-70
JOHN STUPP, 84, North Section,
Emp. 12-3-40, Died 11-26-70
GEORGE W. SWARTZ, 74, 69th Street,
Emp. 2-10-43, Died 11-21-70
PETER J. TIGGELAAR, 76, Claim,
Emp. 5-16-27, Died 11-16-70
WILLIAM VAN LENNEP, 75, West Section,
Emp. 7-19-22, Died 11-12-70
PEARL E. WALSH, 92, West Section,
Emp. 3-24-30, Died 11-22-70
WILLIAM J. WELCH, 82, North Section,
Emp. 8-27-23, Died 11-19-70
RAY L. WILL, 84, Inspections,
Emp. 5-29-33, Died 11-20-70
CLARENCE WILSON, 72, North Avenue,
Emp. 4-11-36, Died 11-28-70

TOPPING OFF their wedding cake are newlyweds WILLIAM and VIRGINIA FINCH, who were united in holy matrimony on November 28. Virginia is the daughter of NELLO PARRILLO, Congress Rapid Transit Maintenance Terminal Shop.

KUTA...JOHN ROCHE, the son of Superintendent J. J. ROCHE, was a member of the St. Patrick High school basketball team which came in third in the Carbondale holiday tournament.

**(Traffic Planning) -**

BILL WINTERS and his wife, MARION, drove to beautiful Miami, Florida, for their vacation. They did nothing but relax, swim, eat at many different restaurants, have some liquid refreshments, and enjoy the warm sun. As usual, they had a great time and can't wait to go there again...JIM TOOLIS' daughter, BARBARA, who is presently teaching school, received her masters degree in science from Chicago State college on December 21. The week of Christmas is one she will always remember as she also celebrated her birthday and became engaged. Congratulations and best of luck...We would also like to wish DENNIS MURPHY good luck in his new job in the Treasury Department.

*- Colette Szczepanek*

**PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -**

The month of November brought some pleasant surprises to the BOB McCARTHY household. Bob's oldest son, ROBERT, 16, was chosen unanimously by all coaches of their conference as defensive lineman for the All-Conference Football team. Robert is a junior at Immaculate Conception High school in Elmhurst. This is quite an honor for Robert, as those selected are usually seniors in their class and considered the best in their league. Robert plays on both defensive and offensive teams during the regular football season. Not to be outdone, Bob's youngest son, BRIAN, 8, won five medals in the Olympics Day Competition of Cub Pack 25. Two gold medals represented the football throw, another gold medal for the baseball throw, one silver medal for the football kick, and one bronze medal for the broad jump. Let's not forget Bob's daughter, THERESA, 13. She is president of her student council and was chosen as vice-president of the student council for the entire Elmhurst area. Quite a family you have there, Bob! ..The welcome mat was extended to a young lady recently added to the Specifications Department, LORRAINE BRAZZLE, who replaced SANDY MATUSZEWSKI. Miss Brazzle formerly worked in the Transportation Department...ROD DAUGHERTY's 11 year old son, DALE, was really excited when he was chosen from among junior high school students to star in the Evanston Township High school Christmas play, "Amahl and the Night Visitors", on December 13. Rod, Specifications Department, was very pleased with his son, and we sure don't blame him...WALTER HELMER, who retired as an employe from the Specifications Department in 1959, recently informed us that he and his wife, MARION, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Among those who helped celebrate this festive occasion with the Helmers were their children and grandchildren (one grandson in the navy was unable to attend). Walter said they enjoyed themselves, especially on the beach. We hope the next 50 years together will be just as wonderful... LEE DeSUTTER, Specifications Department, spent her week's vacation improving her skills driving a car...KEVIN BARRETT recently resigned from Stores, General Office, to take a position with the Chicago Fire Department. Kevin will certainly be missed and we wish him the best of luck. By the way, the very best to Kevin and SANDY MATUSZEWSKI of the Insurance Department who recently became Mr. and Mrs...HARRY HOSANG, laborer, Stores-South, retired on January 1 after 29 years of service. Harry will be missed very much, and we wish him loads of happiness during his future retirement years...KATHY McATEER, Stores, is leaving us to be a mother and housewife. Boy or girl? We hope it's one of each, Kathy. That way you will make us all happy. We hope you'll visit us often...We welcome BARNABA GAGNON, better known as Barney, back to the Stores Department. Barney formerly worked for Stores but was transferred. We're glad to see you missed us so much that you decided to return...HAROLD ENWRIGHT, stock clerk I, Skokie, became a great-grandfather on December 16, at 6:00 a.m. MICHAEL DAVID PARISI weighed 8 pounds 6 ounces...JOHN and CATHY, your co-reporters, would like to close by saying that this magazine is for you--the employe--and if you want 1971 to be as nice as 1970, we ask you to contact either one of us on any news you may have...We wish all of you a wonderful New Year!

*- Cathy Raschick & John Gill*

**RAPID TRANSIT MAINTENANCE TERMINALS -**

Congratulations to C. DUNLAP Jr. and E. WOJECIESZAK, Dan Ryan, who are in repair training...Best of luck to THADDEUS GUTT Jr., the son of TED GUTT, Dan Ryan, on his tour in the service. Ted enlisted and is now in training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas... A good time was had by all who attended the CTA American Legion Post 1216 annual Christmas party...Enjoying a winter vacation were R. DAVIS, L. STEWART, and G. NICHOLSON, Dan Ryan...Our deepest sympathy to W. SPARKS, 61st Street, and his family on the passing of his father, BERL SPARKS, on November 22. The Sparks family would like to thank all for their condolences...Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to M. BRINSON, 61st Street, who is still on the sick list...Enjoying holiday vacations are: J. MOLLOY, M. BOGIRA, A. CASPER, C. B. BROWN, W. BROWN, D. WILBORN, G. BUNDLEY, and T. LALLY of 61st Street, RAY BRZECZEK of the Office, and FRANK BENANTI, ED BLICHARZ, S. GARITI, G. DAVIS, N. BROUGHTON, and M. DUBE of Wilson...Congratulations to HAROLD FINLEY, car serviceman at Linden, who retired on January 1 after 24 years of service. Best of luck to Harold for a long and healthy retirement...Welcome to M. GARCIA and J. HOFFSTAD, new car servicemen at Howard Shop...Held over by popular demand was the stamp collection of Pensioner RALPH DANIELSON. Ralph's stamps were to be exhibited

for one month at the Smithsonian Institute, but after their display, they were held over for six months.

*- Ray Brzeczek*

**SKOKIE SHOPS -**

Happy New Year to all...RICHARD FELDMANN, electrical worker, was presented a baby girl, HEIDI JO FELDMANN, by his wife, HOLLY, on November 28, weighing 6 pounds 11 ounces...LARRY KING, retired electrical worker, regrets to report that his wife, BETTY, was hit by an automobile and suffered a broken leg and arm and is now confined in Ravenswood hospital...ROY SUAREZ, electrical worker, suffered the loss of his new Buick Skylark, due to a person driving on the wrong side of the street. The collision was head on, but their little baby was not injured. Sorry for your loss, Roy...ROBERT BINNIE, electrical worker, is back home after having his gall bladder and appendix removed at St. Francis hospital. Bob was able to bring home enough stones for a necklace. Good luck, Robert...HARVEY (Moe) WILLIAMS, assistant superintendent, rapid transit shops and terminals, is enjoying a fishing vacation trip in southern Texas with his wife. Hope you both had a good rest...EMMETT NOLAN, retired electrical worker, paid us a nice visit at the shops. Emmett and his wife have been vacationing a lot. Keep it up and enjoy it... A lot of the employes went on vacation over Christmas and New Years, but they forgot to tell their reporter where they were going. Hope you all had fun...Pensioner ERNEST JONES, Wilson Terminal, and his wife, LOIS, sent their hellos from San Juan as they are enjoying a Caribbean cruise. Hope they enjoyed the beautiful ports...ROBERT MUELLER, machinist, is back to work after a few weeks in the hospital and at home. I know it was tiresome lying around the house, Bob, but welcome back...EDWIN KENNEDY, carpenter, HARRY MINGEE, painter, EDWIN KNIAZ, machinist, and JOSEPH MICHALCZUK, electrical worker, are still on the sick list. Hurry back, fellows, we all miss you...A hearty welcome to JOHN HUMISTON who has recently joined Technical Services, Rapid Transit Division, here at Skokie Shops.

*- Everett E. England*

**SOUTH SECTION -**

Here's hoping for a good year in 1971 for everyone...The Agent's Pension Club held their retirement and Christmas dinner on December 13 at the Beverly Woods restaurant, and it was a gala affair with about 140 people attending. The retirees honored were: Agents ANN O'CONNOR, MARCELLA BITTERLIN, and CECELIA MORAN, and Yard Foreman JOHN LEMKE. Their families and friends were also present to see those honored. Everyone at work misses these fine people. The Agent's Pension Club decided to surprise our station superintendent, MICHAEL O'CONNOR, who retired January 1 by also honoring him, and he didn't know anything about it until he arrived at the dinner. Mrs. O'CONNOR came in from Tucson, Arizona, especially to attend the dinner. Mickey said it was a wonderful surprise, one he will always remember. Also attending were Superintendent of Operating Stations and Mrs. GEORGE RILEY, Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT QUETSCHKE and Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS STIGLIC from the General Office, Retired South Section Station Superintendent RICHARD MEISNER, and Retired North Section Station Superintendent

THIS SMILING couple is Pensioner BILL and LORRETA BARGHOLT, who are pictured in their yard in Deerfield, Florida. Bill, who retired in 1959, was a West Section trainman.

KEN MANAUGH. A token of remembrance was given to each of the retirees. As always, when one wants to take pictures at an important dinner, the camera will not work so I was unable to get a picture (darn). My hubby, ROLAND (the cameraman), was really disgusted. There were so many people at the dinner I couldn't begin to name them all. Our hats are off to Retired Assignment Agents LULU HAMANN and ROSE HEIDENBLUT who ran this beautiful party for all these beautiful people. We wish all the retirees good health and happiness...A hearty welcome to our new South Section station superintendent, EDWARD HEATTER, who transferred from the North Section on January 1. Hope you will enjoy working on the South Section...A big "Hi" to newly-hired Conductors EDWARD DAVIS, JULIUS ELLIS, GEORGE PRICE, LARRY ELLIS, BERNARD FLETCHER, and BARRONE McGILL. Also to Agent AUDREY BROWN, and a transferee from the surface system, Janitor RONALD SARNECKE...We were saddened to hear that Retired Agent ESTHER McDERMOTT and Retired Shopman PAT McEVOY, brother of Retired Agent SARAH McEVOY, passed away recently. Our sincere condolences go out to their families and friends...Conductor LEONARD SUCECH is off on a holiday vacation in sunny Florida where he can relax on the sandy beaches...Retired Motorman ANGELOS YPSILANTI dropped in to visit everyone at Ashland Avenue and looks wonderful. He said he had been to Greece this past summer. My, our pensioners sure get around the world...Good-good news: Retired Division 308 Board Member CHARLES BURNS is now home recuperating after a stay in the hospital. He says he's feeling better and wants to thank everyone for all the kindnesses, cards, and phone calls received while he was in the hospital.

The men at Ashland Avenue gave our boss, MICHAEL O'CONNOR, a rousing send-off before he went on pension. We had ham sandwiches, rolls, cake, and coffee. A token of remembrance from the men was presented to him. Mrs. O'CONNOR came down to join in the festivities. Mickey had worked here for 45 years, and that's a long, long time. He says he enjoyed all the years and made many friends along the way. He will be missed by everyone. He and his wife are moving to Tucson to live. All day long people came in to wish him luck and there were many phone calls. Many of the superintendents, supervisors, and instructors dropped in. Our former boss, Retired Superintendent RICHARD MEISNER, Retired Clerks JOHN MORAN and THOMAS O'HARA, and former Assistant Superintendent DON LEMM from the General Office also stopped in. Our pensioners came down too: Yard Foreman JOHN LEMKE,

COMPLETING HIS deliveries, SANTA CLAUS posed with Mrs. CLAUS for this picture after the annual Chamber of Commerce Christmas party for the children of Farsythe, Missouri. Santa is none other than Pensioner ARTHUR MUIR, and Mrs. Claus is his neighbor, Mrs. LEILA BRUMWELL. Art was formerly a bus operator at North Park Station.

Conductors JOSEPH WARSHAW and WILLIAM MUNNELLY, Motorman JERRY HANAFIN, Janitor JOHN WILSON, Towerman PATRICK HICKEY, and others. Everyone wishes the O'Connors many, many happy retirement years in Tucson...Met Motorman PAUL DUCAR and his wife and family were in the Millionaire's Club in Ford City one night when Roland and I went there for dinner. The Ducars were celebrating their 29th wedding anniversary. First they went to see a play at Drury Lane Theatre and then to the club for dinner...Our sincerest sympathy is extended to Clerk JAMES CAREY whose father passed away recently; to Janitor BEN MONTGOMERY on the loss of his father, and to Agent JEAN JACKSON on the loss of her mother... Motorman ROBERT BUTLER and his wife took a vacation to Oregon where they spent the holidays. They traveled by train so they could enjoy the scenery...Retired Conductor VERNON AMMONS's wife, ALICE (who worked for the company years ago), was in the hospital recently but is home now. We hope she has a quick recovery...Agent MILDRED CHEATHAM received a passenger commendation recently for her nice attitude while performing her duties...Received a nice letter from Pensioner ALFRED GRABES who is now living in Mountain Home, Arkansas. Al was in the hospital in November, but is now home and feeling better. They send their best wishes to all their friends in Chicago...Just heard that West Section Superintendent of Agents and Janitors LEO BIEN went on pension January 1. Leo worked on the South Section for many years as chief clerk and he and I worked side by side for years. So I personally, along with all his South Section friends, send Leo and his wife best wishes for a happy and long retired life...P.S. Don't forget to attend the annual credit union meeting and get-together on Sunday, February 14, at Avenue Liquors Hall, 119th and Michigan. See you all then.

*- Verna Hartney*

**SOUTH SHOPS -**

Superintendent GEORGE J. CLARK, Shops & Equipment, had something to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. He and his wife arrived at his son's home in Cadillac, Michigan, and found they had to rush his son's wife to the hospital, where she gave birth to a baby girl, JENNIFER JEAN CLARK, who weighed 8 pounds 5 ounces. This makes three girls and two boys for the Clarks...JEAN GUSTAFSON of the Print Shop became a grandma for the sixth time when a baby girl was born on November 30 weighing 6 pounds 4 ounces. She was named JEAN after grandma...VICKY JARECKAS became a grandmother for the first time when her son's wife gave birth to a boy, DAVID LAWRENCE JARECKAS. David's father, LARRY, works in the Machine Shop...HERBERT PUGH, laborer, became a father for the fourth time when a 6 pound 7 ounce baby boy, HERBERT Jr., was born. Herbert and his wife have three girls...RAY KLAUB's wife presented him with an early Christmas gift, a baby girl on December 19...Mr. and Mrs. STANLEY E. MAZUREK, Upholstery Department, celebrated their 25th anniversary with a surprise party given by his son at the Midway lounge. Among the guests was ANDY DRAUS, retired foreman of the Upholstery Shop...The South Shops would like to extend its deepest sympathy to the family of STANLEY J. EISIN, general foreman of the Body Shop. Mr. Eisin passed away on Sunday, December 6. We would also like to extend our sympathy to Mr. WILLENIUS on the death of his brother...Congratulations to TED PIETRUS who was promoted to general foreman of the Body Shop; VERN HOWE who was promoted to foreman of the Paint Shop, and W. LEWIS who was promoted to leader in the Paint Shop...Congratulations to Mr. ROSELAND, Area 312, who was first prize winner in the South Shops picnic raffle. How about sharing some of that booze. Mr. COYLE, Area 334, won second prize, and VICKY of the Print Shop won third prize...I would like to extend a speedy recovery to Co-reporter BOB BROWN. Hurry back, I need you. A speedy recovery is also extended to LEWIS JACKSON, laborer, and C. ANDERSON of Bay 6 who underwent surgery...Congratulations to SANDRA PFUND and JOHN HOFFMAN who became engaged over the Christmas holiday. Sandy is a stenographer in the Material Control Section of South Shops. John is the brother of KAREN HOFFMAN, and at one time worked in the garages...BOB WEGNER, Material Control Section, gave his girl a ring over the holidays, and MIKE LINTER, part-time employe of the Material Control Section, is going to be married on January 23 to a model in Lafayette, Indiana. We wish you all many years of happiness...JOSEPH J. ROSENDHAL, superintendent of Material Control and Office Procedure, and his wife spent two weeks in Yucatan, Mexico. While there they visited many Mayan ruins and other types of ruins. They had many days of relaxation and also went on a jungle safari... TOBIE GOWANS, Blacksmith Shop, spent his vacation in Montreal and Quebec, Canada, visiting friends and relatives...HOWARD HELFERT, tinner, will be enjoying a week's vacation with his son who is home for the holidays from the armed services...There is a rumor going around that McGEE bought a Volkswagen and we can't figure out whether he is using it for a toy or an automobile, the way he is driving it around...THEODORE CATTONI, Print Shop, has been hit three times in one month on the left rear fender of his car, so everyone who parks in the rear, please proceed with caution when you see him coming.

*- Elaine Stewart & Bob Brown*

**52ND STREET -**

After a long absence, 52nd Street has returned in time to wish each and everyone a Happy New Year, and if you look at life the way I do, you can count your blessings... Most of us worked during the holidays, but for a choice few there were vacations, like CHARLES O'KANE, repair department union representative, at home playing Santa; DORSEY GARNER, repair clerk, who motored to East St. Louis, Illinois, to visit his mother at Christmas; STILMAN

CRAWFORD went to Jackson, Mississippi, and JOHN CURREN spent his time at home...At this writing, Repairman JAMES NAUDEN is off sick. We're hoping for a speedy return...Operator JOHN MARSHALL celebrated a birthday in December. He didn't tell us his age, but we know he has accumulated 21 years of service...Superintendents JOHN LYNCH and VIC COLEMAN have their fingers crossed to win the fourth quarter ISC award. By the time you read this, it might be all wrapped up...The 52nd Street basketball team, coached by FRED POWELL and assisted by JAMES TERRY and WILLIE HUDSON (no relation), played their first game of inter-league play. Even though they lost, it was a very good showing of spirit and teamwork. They had good support from management and union, as well as from operators throughout the system...The last comment I would like to make is that the success of this column depends on you. I write it, but you make it. So when you make that news pass it on to me so that all can share in it.

*- John L. Hudson*

**69TH STREET -**

Well, it is now 1971 and the MICKEY YOUNG fan club members are all hoping that nothing serious will happen to him this year. Last year the Mick took a bus home and left his car parked at the barn. He still has an old standby in his daughter, TERRY LYNN. She was named "Check out girl of the month" in November by radio station WLS and received a color television set as a prize...Operator BARNIE PULICK is sponsoring a CTA bowling team at Oak Lawn Bowl. WILLIE WILLIAMS is co-captain with Barnie, and the anchor man. Also on the team are STEVE CHATLOS and ED OJER, and they are fighting for first place. By the season's end, Pulick claims everyone will be wearing "hand over shoes."..Our list of champs grows with J. J. KELLEY taking the title away from R. FELTZ for the most times breaking down on the street. On top of that, Kelley and A. J. VANDERBURG showed up for their runs on their anniversary day...On December 12, 35 years ago, WILSON GOURNOE was married to his wife, KRISTINE. May they have 35 more years of happiness. On January 2 my wife was married 33 years to the same man...I broke MICKEY YOUNG's heart when I picked his run on 59th Street. It is a good run because fellows like T. F. McDONALD, A. P. PORTER, O. WHITE, E. WATSON, A. J. HYMEL, D. SMITH, R. WASHINGTON, W. E. MOORE, H. A. STEWART, and R. D. REESE are among the men who picked there and they run on time...JIM WHITE is going to Las Vegas for five days of golf. He is going with the Chicago Tribune Printers Association and will stay at the Flamingo hotel. Last time there, Jim and his wife both hit jackpots...A. E. KRUEGER is back on the sick list and was in Christ Community hospital. G. MALIK is in the hospital again, and W. PETERS is in Jackson Park hospital. We all wish you fellows the best, and take your time and don't try to come back too soon...We of 69th Street extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Superintendent JOHN FARRIS of Lawndale Station who passed away on December 26; also to FRANK SOMMERS on the loss of his brother. SAM VALLONI lost his mother-in-law. She was 101 years old...I wish to personally thank Pensioner M. ENSWORTH for the nice Christmas card he sent me for the holidays...Please, fellows, drop a few lines of news in the Transit News mailbox, as this column depends on you...JIMMY AHERN of the Repair Department wishes those on the sick list a very speedy recovery. They are: BRYANT GRANT, WALLY GROCH, and LIONEL MAURY...It is nice to hear from our pensioners at Christmas and to know that they are well and enjoying retired life. They are: JOE GAMEN who resides in Florida, MATT BASSO, TOM THORPE, MARTIN GRIFFIN, CON CROWLEY of "Notre Dame fame", DENNY GRIFFIN, TONY (Molotov) KAZAITIS, PETER O'REILLY, GEORGE LAPHAM, and JOE HAGUE, the former treasurer of the credit union. To all of them we wish a very happy and prosperous New Year...Here's hoping that PADDY FITZGERALD will have a nice time in Florida this winter, and HARRY MINOGUE, who resides in Stonewall, Texas, will enjoy good health...Good luck to PAT HEALY who transferred to Archer after many years of service at 69th Street...BILL LORENZEN took his vacation in time to help Santa Claus climb down the chimneys. Bill is an old pro at this and about the same size. Given a bag and a red suit, you couldn't help but say, "Hi Santa." BENNY BUTKIEWICZ, FRANK ANDREK, RALPH GRAGIDO, and ROBERT BOSCO were all on vacations and could have been his helpers. Hope they all enjoyed it...So from Jimmy Ahern and your reporter, we are wishing that this year will be your best year yet. Keep the news coming and drop us a line. God bless all of you.

*- Arthur P. Buesing*

KENNETH J. SIPICH is pictured here relaxing at home before leaving for a tour of duty in Viet Nam. Kenneth was formerly a stock clerk in the Stores Department, South Shops, before his induction in the army.

**77TH STREET -**

A Happy New Year to all of you and your families. May the new year bring good health, good luck, happiness, and plenty of money...I am sure "Old Santa" was busy Christmas eve spreading his gifts and holiday cheer around...Operator GEORGE DALMAS is home recuperating from injuries received in an automobile accident, and at this writing has not returned to work...Operator JAMES ERING is home from the hospital where he underwent surgery recently. I can sympathize with you, James, I know what it was like...A very happy birthday to little Miss CARMEN COLLINS who celebrated her 12th birthday on December 12. Carmen is the daughter of Operator JAMES COLLINS, who along with his wife celebrated their 16th wedding anniversary on December 13. Our congratulations to you both. ..We did it again! We broke our accident and complaint pars again in December, and we had coffee on the house. Keep up the good work, fellows...The Division 241-CTA basketball league is underway and our team lost its opener to 69th Street Station 45 to 40. We hope to bounce back with a win in our next game...See you next month.

*- Elcosie Gresham*

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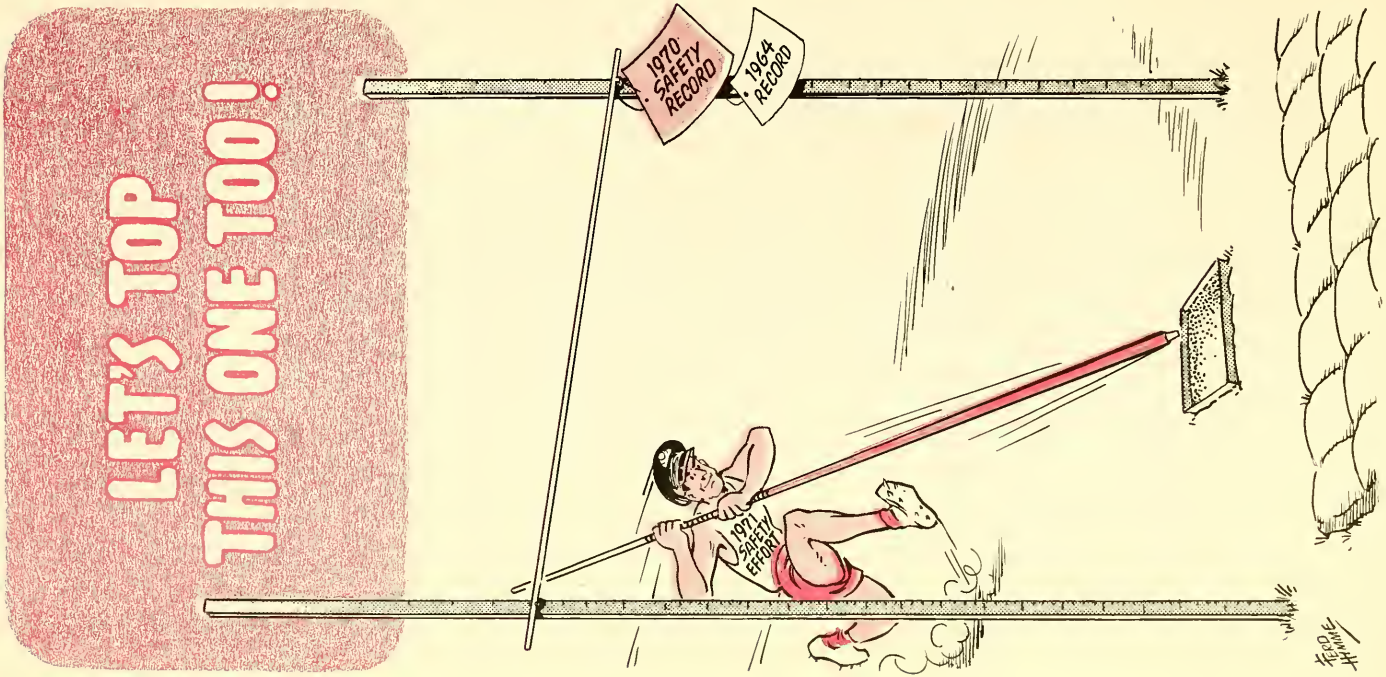

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# 9 Trackmen Train as Equipment Operators

RECENTLY COMPLETING the formal training phase of a new Engineering Department training program was a group of nine CTA trackmen. The initial phase of the Track Maintenance Equipment Operator Training Program was conducted at West Shops and consisted of four 8-hour classes on Saturdays.

The students learned theory, basic components of the machinery, maintenance, and operation of equipment used by the Track Division of the Engineering Department. The equipment includes hydraulic cranes in use on work trains as well as a profiling tamper, a production tamper, and a track liner which were acquired by CTA last year and used on the Dan Ryan and Kennedy extensions.

Selected from among 23 applicants who had been trackmen for at least a year, the nine trainees were chosen because of their work records and results of written tests. Their training is to be supplemented by actual field training, under operating conditions, on each of the machines. All training is done on the student's own time, without remuneration.

Posing on the profiling tamper in the picture above are, from left, trainees N. Boccuzzi, P. Forde, D. Cinquepalmi, F. DeMonte, C. Williams, R. Hammonds, M. Reilly, and S. O'Sullivan. The training program staff, kneeling in front of the machine, includes, from left, Superintendent of Track & Structures T. Wolgemuth, who administered the program; Track Foreman T. Staunton, chief instructor; and Track Foreman A. Knerr and Trackmen R. Sullivan and H. Akines, all assistant instructors and qualified operators. Not present when the picture was taken were Trackman J. Chambers and Assistant Instructors A. Allen and C. Pitts.

## *52nd, 61st Street Stations Win Fourth Quarter ISC Awards*

ACHIEVING THE highest scores in their respective groups during the fourth quarter of the Interstation Safety Contest were 52nd Street and 61st Street Stations. This was the fourth ISC award for 52nd and the seventh for 61st; neither station had won previously in 1970.

Closing out the quarter with a point score of 67.59, 52nd Street won the Surface System competition and missed the perfect score of 75.00 by less than $7\frac{1}{2}$ points. Accepting the ISC plaque from Superintendent of Transportation D. M. Flynn in the top picture are 52nd Street Superintendent J. H. Lynch (right) and Assistant Superintendent W. V. Coleman (left).

Winning the rapid transit competition with a perfect score of 75.00 was 61st Street Station on the South Section. In the picture at left, Superintendent of Operating Stations G. A. Riley is presenting the plaque to 61st Street Assistant Superintendent J. J. Tvrdik.

# C. Karschnik, C. Malottke Join Retirement Ranks

THE LENGTHY transit careers of two CTAers who started with the former Chicago Surface Lines drew to a close with their retirement on February 1. With more than 50 years of service, Charles Karschnik retired as chief clerk of Beverly Station, and with over 47 years of service Clarence Malottke retired as Electrical Department superintendent of construction and maintenance.

Mr. Karschnik, who joined the CSL as a clerk on August 25, 1920, remained at Lawndale Station until 1951 when he transferred to Archer. He became chief clerk at Archer Station in January, 1960, subsequently went to North Avenue Station in 1963, and finally to Beverly Station in 1964.

Many of Mr. Karschnik's friends and fellow employes were with him on Friday, January 29, when he was honored at a luncheon in the Beverly House at 103rd and Vincennes. In the picture at left, Mr. Karschnik is shown with Superintendent of Operating Stations G. A. Riley (left) and Beverly Station Assistant Superintendent J. E. Will.

Mr. Malottke entered the service of the CSL Electrical Department as a laborer on August 15, 1923. Remaining in that department throughout his career he subsequently became a helper in 1924, lineman in 1926, line foreman in 1941, general line foreman in 1947, and assistant superintendent of construction and maintenance in 1964. After serving as acting superintendent starting in July, 1968, he was appointed superintendent of construction and maintenance in January, 1969.

Co-workers and friends of Mr. Malottke gathered on Sunday, January 24, to honor him at a retirement dinner at Robert and Allen's hall at 5319 W. Diversey. In the photograph above, Mr. and Mrs. Malottke are shown with Electrical Engineer A. R. Sandberg (far left), Operating Manager C. E. Keiser (second from left), and Superintendent of Transportation D. M. Flynn (far right).

# 43rd-Root Buses Serve New High Rise for Elderly

TO SERVE a new high-rise development for the elderly at 43rd street and Princeton avenue, a new routing for the No. 43 43rd-Root buses went into effect Sunday, February 7.

The new routing provides service in 43rd street between State street and Princeton avenue, and in Princeton avenue between 43rd street and Root street.

The 43rd-Root buses no longer operate in State street between 43rd street and Root street, nor in Root street between State street and Princeton avenue where little passenger traffic is generated because of the Dan Ryan expressway and railroad yards. The balance of the route between 43rd-Oakenwald and Root-Halsted remains the same.

**OUR COVER:** Providing bus service directly to the new high rise for the elderly, No. 43 43rd-Root buses stop at 43rd street and Princeton avenue.

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# Medically Speaking

## by Dr. George H. Irwin

### ARTHRITIS—AMERICA'S NUMBER ONE CRIPPLER

IN THIS day and age, medical research and American business are interested in preventing disability from any illness whatsoever. With such a program in mind, pain and suffering among people may be reduced while family finances and work production in all businesses are being improved.

Of all the disabling chronic diseases, the most serious and widespread is arthritis. Over 11 million people over the age of 14 suffer from arthritis and other rheumatic disorders. Of this total, about 5 million are victims of rheumatoid arthritis. More than 25 per cent of these are so seriously affected that their ability to work and care for themselves is markedly limited. Each year about 148,000 persons temporarily or permanently become invalids. The problems thus created for the community, family, and individual become more complicated and serious. Naturally, the inability of the sick person to work because of pain and discomfort is the most important problem. In addition, it is estimated that the economic loss to business is about one billion dollars yearly according to the American Medical Association.

The word arthritis is the medical term for inflammation of the joints. There are many different and associated forms of arthritis, but in general most of the cases fall into two large groups, namely, rheumatoid arthritis and osteoarthritis which are discussed in this article.

When a person says he is suffering from rheumatism, it means that he might have any one of a number of rheumatic diseases, which ailments are characterized by pain in the joints or muscles. Of every 100 patients complaining of rheumatism, about 40 per cent usually have rheumatoid arthritis, 30 per cent may have osteoarthritis and about 15 per cent have muscular rheumatism, neuritis, sciatica, etc. The rest may have arthritis following injury to a joint, gout, rheumatic fever, or other forms of the disease.

What is rheumatoid arthritis? As mentioned before, it is a generalized disease of the entire body which produces inflammation of the joints. Usually, the first symptoms are fatigue and pain and stiffness of the involved joints and muscles, associated with weakness and weight loss. As the disease develops, one or more of the joints become swollen and painful. The muscles around these joints knot up, producing spasms and progressive stiffening of the joints so that they become increasingly difficult to move or bend. In severe cases, the arthritic joints fuse, the muscles shrink, and deformity and crippling result. It is estimated that 15 to 25 per cent of all rheumatoid arthritics become progressively disabled.

What is osteoarthritis? This is a form that comes to people at or past middle life. For the sake of clarity, it should be mentioned that rheumatoid arthritis is more common in children, teenagers, and young adults. In many early cases of osteoarthritis there are no noticeable or serious symptoms. It is known as a degenerative joint disease because it attacks the bone and cartilage of the joints. This type is especially common in persons who are overweight or with curvature of the spine and flat feet. The spine and knees are especially vulnerable.

The specific causes of rheumatoid and osteoarthritis are, unfortunately, unknown. Suspect causes include allergic reactions and either bacterial or viral infection. Contributing factors to the disease are prolonged emotional tension, infection from any source, chronic fatigue, injury, shock, exposure and, as stated above, overweight, plus any condition which produces excessive wear and tear on any joint.

After the two types of arthritis described above, arthritis due to gout and following injury are seen most frequently.

The aim of treatment in all types of arthritis is to control pain and inflammation, to maintain the best range of motion possible, and to preserve strength and use of muscles. There is no sure cure for arthritis as yet, but early, persistent, and modern treatment reduces the amount of suffering and disability. Therapy and care must be individualized.

From a preventative standpoint, it is well to have regular examinations by your doctor to discover and eliminate hidden sources of infection. Control of body weight, proper diet, exercise, proper climate, and good hygiene are very important.

Physical therapy including heat, massage, whirlpool baths, and gait-training are helpful in reducing the stiffness of the joints. Most physical therapy treatments are given in hospitals but some of them can be carried out at home by the patient.

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## John Milton, Retired Supervisor Celebrates 90th Birthday

CELEBRATING TWO important anniversaries within a month is John Milton, whose 90th birthday is March 3 and 25th anniversary of retirement is April 1.

Before entering retirement in 1946, Mr. Milton had completed more than 40 years of transit service with CTA predecessors. He started with the old Chicago Union Traction Company on December 2, 1905, as a streetcar motorman at Lawndale Station.

In February, 1920, Mr. Milton became a supervisor in the downtown area. He returned to Lawndale in the thirties and although he continued as a supervisor until his retirement, he often served as station superintendent and was regularly in charge of snow work at Blue Island Station.

Mr. Milton and his wife, Elizabeth, have been enjoying retirement in the peaceful Fox River Valley since moving to Algonquin, Illinois, in 1948. Although he finally admits that his age is catching up with him, Mr. Milton has, until recently, completely cared for the spacious and beautiful grounds of their home.

Living with the Miltons is their daughter, Eunice, who is a talented artist and creator of animated displays such as those seen during the holidays in store windows on State street.

### Medically Speaking (contd.)

Warm, dry climates help in certain cases which are not too far advanced. Drugs are beneficial in selected cases. Aspirin and aspirin-containing tablets are among the old and helpful remedies. When it comes to the newer drugs such as cortisone and its derivatives, gold injections, or hormones, your personal physician should be consulted.

In conclusion, remember that arthritis tends to run a long, drawn out course. While it usually is considered a year-round disease, it tends to be more noticeable in late winter, spring, and fall. There is no miracle cure for arthritis. The sensible plan is to select a physician in whom you have faith and follow with courage and persistence the recommendation he outlines for you.

## Mr. & Mrs. Walter Johnson Retire With 85 Years Combined Service

WITH COMBINED service of more than 85 years in the transit industry, Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Johnson retired February 1 as employes of CTA.

Both of the Johnsons started their transit careers with the old Chicago Surface Lines. Mrs. Johnson, the former Grace Springer, has served in the Accident Investigation and Claim Departments of the CSL and CTA for more than 43 years. Starting as a clerk on March 11, 1927, she was advanced to acting chief clerk in June, 1942. She became clerical supervisor in January, 1951, the position which she has held until the time of her retirement.

With more than 41 years of transit service, Mr. Johnson started as a laborer in the CSL Building Department on July 15, 1929. Since December, 1936, he has served in the Utility & Emergency Service Division of CTA and its predecessor. His first assignment in that department, as utility chauffeur and helper, lasted until he entered U.S. Army Ordnance in April, 1943. After completing his military service, Mr. Johnson returned to CSL in March, 1946, to serve as a wreck truck chauffeur. He was named supervisory chauffeur in June, 1959, the position which he has held until his retirement.

The Johnsons, who were married on July 20, 1946, presently reside at 5143 N. Tripp avenue. Their plans for retirement include moving from Chicago to a home in Antioch, Illinois, where they plan to fully enjoy retired life. At their new home, Mr. Johnson hopes to achieve his lifelong ambition of "farming" a tomato patch.

In the picture above, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are receiving their retirement portfolios from the superintendent of their respective departments, J. J. Roche (left) of Utility & Emergency Service and M. J. McDermott (right) of Claim.

# THE INSIDE NEWS

## AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**ACCOUNTING (General) -**

ANNE ANGST spent her vacation and holidays in the Hawaiian Islands. She saw the islands of Hawaii, Maui, Kauai, and Oahu. She said the biggest celebration of the new year was in Honolulu. Fireworks started at 3 p.m. and continued until 2 a.m. the next day. Anne had never seen anything like it before. The weather was ideal, never lower than 70 degrees or hotter than 90 degrees. It was a paradise...Our condolences go to KATHLEEN SLOYAN whose uncle, MICHAEL SLOYAN, passed away at 83 years of age. He had 26 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. ..Our sympathy also goes to JOSEPH CASTRO and his family on the passing of his uncle, JOSEPH PANEPINTO, who underwent open heart surgery...The 20th annual meeting of the General Office Credit Union was held on Friday, January 15, in the cafeteria. There were 240 members present and palatable refreshments were enjoyed by all. There were 35 door prize winners, including two from this section, BERNARD KANE and PATRICIA WALLACE...Congratulations are in order for DENNIS McFADDEN on attaining the position of accountant V...Congratulations also to RITA DEAKIN for successfully qualifying for the position of accountant III.

*- Jeanne Fitzgerald*

**(Tabulating) -**

CLARENCE BUTHMAN and his family vacationed near St. Louis, Missouri, in order to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives. After a very pleasant and serene week, they were driven to the airport; goodbyes were said, and the relatives went home. Due to a severe snowstorm, no planes were taking off, nor were there any taxicabs to be found. So, Clarence had to rent a car to take them all back to the relatives who had bade them farewell so much earlier...We offer our condolences to ERMA POINTER and her family on the loss of her grandmother, Mrs. ADA PETTIS...On Friday, January 15, the CTA General Office Federal Credit Union held their 20th annual meeting. All of the officers and members are to be congratulated on the conclusion of a most successful year and a wonderful meeting.

*- Evelyn Leu*

**(Payroll) -**

This issue finds our scribe away on a fabulous vacation trip to lands under the Southern Cross, Australia and New Zealand. After a brief stop at the Hawaiian Islands, the next day, or was it the day after tomorrow with the International Date line confusion, she arrived at the Fiji Islands where she enjoyed a refreshing dip in the hotel pool. This was followed by relaxing poolside, gazing over the tropical blue waters of the Pacific and dreaming of the snow and cold weather she left behind. Her last card showed she had arrived at Sidney, Australia, where she was to visit for a few days before moving on to New Zealand. We will leave the rest of her trip to be described by her in the next issue. ..We are pleased to have VIOLA MEYER back at work after her unfortunate fall...We also wish a speedy recovery to MARIE COARI who has undergone shoulder surgery... CHRISTINE CAMERON is enjoying her vacation in California visiting relatives and various attractions in the state... To celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, BEN TWERY and his wife took a seven-day Caribbean cruise on the M/S Song of Norway. They enjoyed daytime temperatures in the upper seventies and made stops at Nassau, San Juan, and St. Thomas. Ben retired nine years ago as supervisor of rapid transit payroll clerks...Our thanks to STAN MAILUCK who compiled the news for this issue.

*- Clara Lawrence*

**BEVERLY -**

Brrr, the hawk is here. Hello everyone. Your co-reporter, AMOS FOSTER, made it back from Memphis, although he had to drive 15 to 20 mph all the way from Cairo, Illinois. The highway was a sheet of ice. And speaking of ice, the most cold-blooded bus driver I have seen in a long time is working 103rd-106th. I had just been relieved at 103rd and Michigan, and the temperature was hovering around 4 degrees below 0, and as I tried to step on his bus the driver closed the door and sped away. I won't call his name, but I hope that he reads this and does a little thinking...We broke our commendation record for the fifth straight time, and the operators enjoyed the free coffee...Operators EUGENE BANKS, GUS WRIGHT, and FRED GIBBS are at it again on the checkerboard. Each is claiming to be the champ. We are going to settle this with a playoff. The tournament is over and Eugene is the winner with Gus and Fred the runners-up. Operator GONZALO GARZA is coaching Operator JOHN (Mighty Mite) MAHONEY on how to move the red and black checkers. Gonzalo is feeding the Mighty Mite carrots every day, but this is supposed to be only good for the eyes, not the mind...On the sick list at this time are: Operators R. TIERNEY, J. TRIYONIS, F. ZEMAITIS, E. HALL, J. NESBY, A. JOHNSON, W. JOHNSON, M. HILL, I. BOWLES, L. ERICKSON, J. McKINNEY, and R. ROBINSON...We express our deepest sympathy to Operator GEORGE HARDY on the loss of his father, and to Instructor J. FULLER on the loss of his brother...We would like to wish a happy birthday to Supervisor L. MARTENS who was (?) on January 25. His buddy, JOE ROSSBACH, District "A" clerk, retired on February 1...Pensioner ED TROST paid us a visit at the depot and was glad to see some of his old friends...We are glad to see Operator VICTOR (No Pain) PACISKI back in the saddle after a long siege of illness. By the way, Vic just moved into his new home and is planning a house-warming party for his pals, soon.

*- Tom Daniels & Amos Foster*

**CLAIM -**

Congratulations to SAM VAUGHAN, locator, and ROY JACKSON who were promoted to statementmen...Statementman AL PORTER fell on the ice and broke his arm. Al said he is now trying to "get it together."..The open house for GRACE JOHNSON was a huge success, and was attended by many of her friends and co-workers. Grace retired on

February 1 after 43 years of service. Her husband, WALTER, also retired on February 1 after 42 years of service. Grace and Wally wish to thank everyone for their thoughtfulness...JOHN JANKOWSKI is still recuperating from his recent operation, but is expected to return to work shortly. ..Our deepest sympathy is extended to JOHN HENNESSEY and his family on the loss of their son, JOHN, who died in an automobile accident on January 29; to the family of HARRY BONESS whose brother, CHARLES, passed away during the Christmas holidays, and to WILLIAM COONEY, property damage adjuster, whose wife passed away after a long illness.

*- Ruth Kaminski & Terri Kramer*

**ENGINEERING -**

Good wishes are extended to EDWARD BECKER who retired on January 1. A luncheon at the Playboy Club was given in his honor and 26 of his co-workers from the Civil and Structural Sections were present. A gift was also presented to Ed. Once again, the Engineering Department and his many friends would like to express good wishes to Ed in his new endeavors...A warm welcome back to Superintendent of Design C. G. KALOGERAS who spent his vacation in the Florida Keys. He went deep-sea fishing and his son brought in a 56½ pound sea bass. He and his family also attended the Orange Bowl game on New Year's day and saw Nebraska beat L.S.U. It was a special treat for the Kalogerases as their son attends Nebraska university. All in all, it sounds like a great vacation--one you'd hate to leave behind...RON HAWKINS, Drafting Section, has mentioned on a number of occasions that his name has never appeared in Transit News. Well, Ron, here it is--RONALD HAWKINS. ..The drafting section "girl-watchers" claim they have quit watching for awhile because they are now engrossed in the new fashion book for spring. They say some people study sea catalogues at this time of year. Well, they're starting a new hobby. Anyone who is interested is welcome to join the club. The monthly dues are very reasonable. They are, all you can study and evaluate before the deadline of the Transit News. Just keep those cards and letters coming in, boys...Congratulations to CHESTER (Rusty) RUSAKIEWICZ who has managed to remain on the winning team for the Annual Engineering Bowl Match for three consecutive years. Keep up the good work, Rusty...BILL VIGUS of the Drafting Section seems to have caught on to the new fad--knickers. He is going to dig into his grandma's closet for a pair for himself. So be on the lookout. Any day now Bill may be showing up at work sporting his beautiful legs. He claims if girls can hide their legs, why can't men show them?

**(West Shops) -**

The annual West Shops Credit Union meeting was held recently. There was an election of officers, reports were read of the previous year's progress, and quite a spread of eats was provided for the members. Five $10 door prizes were awarded, and a prominent well-known tinner, who was handling the door prizes, just happened to have his number drawn by his wife. Hmmmm...RICHARD POLLIZE, laborer, is reported to be taking the plunge into the sea of matrimony very soon. More about that later...We're happy to see Clerk CHARLIE PAVESIC back in the office after his five-week vacation...Painter JAMES KEEGAN is at home convalescing after breaking a leg when he fell off a ladder at West Shops recently...We extend a hearty welcome to a new machinist in our midst, ROBERT APPELQUIST... WEST SHOPS FLASH: What laborer who is mostly known for his scathing remarks, shocked a certain individual in the office recently by bringing coffee?

*- Carol Bradac & Mary Gallon*

**ELECTRICAL (General Office) -**

CLARENCE MALOTTKE, superintendent of Construction and Maintenance, retired on February 1 after 47 years of service. He began his career with the Electrical Department of the old Chicago Surface Lines. He was honored at a breakfast "open house" in the Mart and received a lovely gift from his co-workers at that time. A "coffee and" was also held at the Chicago Avenue shop to wish him well. A dinner at Robert and Allen hall on January 24 was another well attended celebration. It was our pleasure to have worked with Mr. Malottke and we all join in wishing him and his wife good health and happiness. Think of us when the cold winds blow in Chicago and you are basking in the Florida sunshine.

*- Kay McAlister*

**(Blue Island) -**

Well here we are into the month of February and we find JOHN DARCY and AMOS SMITH on pension. A nice going-away party was held for John and Amos at Sharkos West on January 8 with about 44 of their co-workers present. John received a three-suiter and a portable bar as a gift, while Amos received a rod and reel. Now we can look forward to a good fish fry. We all wish these two great men a happy retirement. Retiring after 47 years of service was CLARENCE MALOTTKE, who was feted by 150 of his friends at a party. He received a beautiful wall barometer as a gift. Happy retirement, Clarence...It was nice to hear from the following men via Christmas cards: JACK BERNSTEIN, WALTER YOCIUS, JOE NAGRODSKI, PETE CARPINO, SYL DANECKE, ARVIN WILMONT, and FRANK CORRIGAN. Drop in any time, men, the coffee pot is always on...We have three new arrivals to announce. CHERI ANN RYCHLEE made her debut on November 8 weighing 7 pounds 5 ounces. The proud parents are CAROL and BOB RYCHLEE. The second was TIMOTHY MICHAEL McANDREWS who was born on January 9 to TERRY and DOROTHY McANDREWS. The third baby was DEBRA JEAN BOURNE who was born on January 5 weighing 7 pounds 6 ounces. The proud parents are JIM and JOANNE BOURNE. This little one made ANDY BOURNE eligible for the grandfathers club...Our deepest sympathy is sent to the BEEMSTERBOER family in the loss of LARRY's dad, and also to the family of WILLIAM McDONALD...Welcome back to JIM BRANDON who returned to work after four months of illness. Still off sick at this time are: JOE HERMAN, JAMES MURPHY, and CHARLEY MULBRANDON...On vacation at this time is WILLIAM STAUNTON who took his first plane ride to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania...Lucky ROBERT MONSON won a trip to Miami, Florida, for two. He celebrated by buying coffee and rolls for the men at Blue Island.

*- William Rehder*

**GENERAL OFFICE (Training & Accident Prevention) -**

ARTHUR G. HUBACZ, the son of ART HUBACZ, an electronics mate 3rd class in the U.S. Navy stationed at

Great Lakes announced his engagement to KAREN COBB of Hales Corners, Wisconsin, on Saturday, January 23. No wedding date has been set as yet...JOHN F. McKENNA, training assistant, retired February 1 after more than 39 years of service. An open house was held in John's honor on January 29 and we wish him lots of luck in the future.

**(Insurance) -**

At the recent General Office Credit Union gathering three employes of this department were lucky and won door prizes. ED DONAHUE, a fountain pen; DICK REDDING, a mixer, and HECTOR ROCOURT, a $10 bill...As of this writing TONI MISETIC is confined in Cuneo hospital, and we all wish her a speedy recovery.

**(Medical) -**

Dr. ILLA ROMAN and his family spent a two-week vacation in and around Downers Grove enjoying the good old winter snow...Dr. SYDNEY FABIAN and his wife enjoyed a beautiful and exciting trip to Amsterdam, France, and London. Because of the stormy weather they were delayed in London enjoying the fog, but said it was the best trip they had taken and would like to go back again.

**(Public Information) -**

RUSS WARNSTEDT, employe suggestion coordinator, welcomed a new grandson, RICHARD CARONE, who was born on January 17 weighing 9 pounds. This raises the number of his grandchildren to six. Congratulations!.. PATRICIA HALLAHAN announced her engagement to JOE DE SILVESTRO of Marseilles, Illinois, on February 1. No date for the wedding has been set. Good luck, Pat.

**(Reproduction Services) -**

JUNE VAN CAMP flew to Florida for one week and then on to Montego Bay, Jamaica, where she stayed at the Shangri-La Apartments. Now she is spreading the news that anyone who is really looking for a restful vacation, this is the spot for it. It has all the comforts of home and MEN, too, so girls, here is your chance.

**(Employment) -**

A surprise shower was held at Petricca's restaurant lounge on January 24 for RITA BRZECZEK by her future sisters-in-law. She received many beautiful and useful gifts...MAUREEN McGILL left the Employment Department to teach art at Trinity High school in River Forest.

**(Employe Relations) -**

JERRY McMANAMON enjoyed a two-week vacation in Canada and the northwestern states during July. Jerry says that ten streetcar lines, two rapid lines, several trolley coach routes, and Government of Ontario Transit, along with the usual gas bus lines, make Toronto a railfan's heaven. Seattle, Washington, included a ride on the monorail, and Butte, Montana, offered photographs of the Burlington Northern and the Milwaukee Road. Heading back home through St. Paul, Minnesota, he arrived in Chicago only 1 hour and 45 minutes late, but Jerry says it was well worth it.

**(Research & Planning) -**

Our deep condolences are extended to GEORGE KRAMBLES, superintendent of R/P, whose mother, HERMINE, passed away on January 26 at the age of 90. All of us in R/P and your many friends at CTA express our sincere sympathy...DAVID (Tom) HENNINGSEN became a grandfather on January 23 when his daughter and son-in-law were blessed with a healthy 9 pound boy. Tom's face was all aglow as he announced to everyone the birth of DAVID JOHN WILLI. Congratulations, Tom, and also to David's new parents from all of us in R/P...A hearty welcome to JIM STUART who is our new co-op trainee...Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. CHARLEY DROZDA who celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary on February 18. The Drozda's, along with their friends, made it a night out on the town and attended the showing of "Cactus Flower" at the Drury Lane theatre. The whole gang wishes both of you many more years of happiness ahead...R/P members were pretty lucky at the annual credit union meeting. STEVE LEGLER's number, the first one picked, won him a new watch; DIANE GRAZIANO received an electric hairsetter, and MIKE DALEY a crisp $5 bill. Everyone in the planning section won something except the boss, FRANK MISEK. We figured we'd get Frank's name in the article anyway and make him feel good.

*- Regina Daren & Eileen Neurauter*

**KEELER -**

Hi, fellows. If you forgot to send that best girl a Valentine--for shame. For consolation, always remember this bit of wit: "Any man who agrees with his wife can have his way." So, gals, forgive and pretend to forget...Ye olde scribe just turned a half century on February 1, so you can see that he is subject to come apart at the seams at any time. In fact, for four long weeks I was on the sick list and missed making our Keeler contribution last month. To compensate somewhat, my little tender hands are raw from pulling the rope for the birthday bell for January and February. Ding-dongs for January are for: Operators JOHNSON, January 1; KUZYK, January 1; BRASWELL, January 2; HOUGHLAND, January 3; HAMPTON, January 5; HOLDEN, January 10; MOSELEY, January 16; BORNER, January 17; GRECO, January 19; DABROWSKI, January 19; BOOSE, January 20; KUMBERA, January 21; LATIMER, January 23, and DAVIS, January 29. February birthdates are: A. SEGAR, McFADYEN, and JOHNSON, February 2; FOX, February 9; GRABOWSKI, February 11; Board Member SCHNEE, February 12; GRAHAM, February 15; WILSON, February 16; ROBBINS, February 21; CZUBERNAT, February 23; PRIMM and BABER, February 24; RUTLEG, February 25; HAAK and O'NEAL, February 26; STEHLIK and McGHEE, February 27, and last, but at his size, by no means least, Operator JARECKI, February 28...Proud father and thoughtful husband, Operator CARSON salutes his daughter, DEANNA, on her birthday January 30, and his lovely wife, GLORIA, February 7...Operator NEIL and his wife, ROSIE LEE, made it a baker's dozen, that is 13 years of the right ingredients, February 7. This coosome twosome blended together a delightful treat because it was their son, GERRY's, birthday February 10...Operator ARTHUR DAVIS and his wife, FAYNIA, commemorated a six-year merger on February 25...Would you believe that ANDY and MARY SEGAR celebrated 24 years of wedded bliss this month?..LOUIS and FRANKIE HOWARD relived wedding memories on February 11...Repairman JIM ALEXANDER and his wife, ROBERTA, declared their 5th amendment on December 18...Custodial Technician SY GOLDMAN and his wife, NELLIE, became proud grandparents for the second time on December 20. Their daughter, ROSETTE STRUBEL, presented to them (and her hubby) a little baby girl, LISA, who weighed in at 7 pounds 12 ounces...A late

entry in the birthday sweepstakes was Garage Foreman FRED SCHMIDT on February 17. Other thoroughbred performers in the Schmidt family include his son's birthday on February 5, his mother-in-law, ALMA JOHNSON, celebrated her birthday on February 22 and couldn't do her favorite jig due to a broken hip. Fred's granddaughter, DAWN, birthdayed on February 23, and rounding out this highly illustrious family is Fred's wife, ELEANORE, who barely got in under the wire on February 27...Operator BECKER always has a gleam in his eye whenever he gives out news about his son, JOHN, who was home recently on a furlough...Another proud papa is Operator BABER. His son, BRENT, just returned to Tucson, Arizona, after 16 days at home. Brent, an Airman 1/C and jet maintenance mechanic, was recently made chief of three fighter jets, and still has his burdens to bear. If only he could get his mom, CHARLETTE, to quit worrying about her baby...I deliberately left the following items until last to give them the emphasis they are due. JIMMY SYLVESTER, garage mechanic, retired on January 1, and his many friends and co-workers tried to show him the high esteem in which he was held. Sorry, fellows, but I must admit that Jim was my favorite mechanic. Here's hoping that you will have many happy years of retirement mileage, Jim...Another recent retiree is Operator JAMES BORNER who took his pension on February 1. James was well liked and a widely known mainstay of Keeler. He will be missed by all his co-workers. Borner wound up his tenure of service as my leader, so I always kept an eye on him and gave him a hand whenever I could, because I didn't want him to begin his retirement tired. To you, Borner, may all your years of retirement be glorious and happy beyond your wildest dreams...Pensioner LEROY GOSS suffered a broken wrist after falling on the ice. Leroy, isn't ice hockey a wee bit extreme for retirees?..So until next time, bear in mind, "You can preach a better sermon with your life than with your lips."

*- Ernest C. Carter*

**LAWNDALE -**

Congratulations to Operator and Mrs. CLEVELAND WHITE on the birth of a daughter, KIMBERLY, January 16, weighing 6 pounds 12 ounces...Lately Operator TOMMY PHILLIPS has been the subject of quite a bit of teasing. Why? It seems that he never knows exactly when payday is. Now can you imagine anyone forgetting when payday is? ..On February 1, JIM JAGOS of the Repair Department retired and said goodbye to his co-workers. MARTIN NEE, of the same department, also retired on March 1. Good luck and happiness to both of you fellows...STEVEN OLANDESE, the son of Repairman JOE OLANDESE, will graduate soon and has plans to attend Central YMCA college... DAN GALLAGHER, who has given the Repair Department many fine days of service, says that he has finally received the opportunity to work beside the best "chicken plucker" in the business, JOE OLANDESE...On January 20, the men at Lawndale were treated to coffee and rolls for breaking their commendation and complaint pars for the month of December. Congratulations, fellows, and keep up the good work...One of the new men here at Lawndale congratulated the personnel for their continued effort in keeping the fine image of which Lawndale is very proud. This new man is none other than Superintendent JACK MORRIS. Mr. Morris said that he knew he was coming to a fine station, and expects it to be the finest in the system with the help of all its personnel. We the men of Lawndale salute you, Mr. Morris, and your goal is our goal...Recently we had some of our pensioners pay us a visit. They were: TOM KUREK, GEORGE MILLER, JOHN ZUREK, and JIM RITTENBERG. They all looked great and said they were feeling fine...We also received a short note from Retired Instructor ED HAVLICEK who commented on Lawndale's only "Polish Count." Nice hearing from you, Ed, you are still a part of our thoughts. If you get a chance, stop by and see us...Our sick and shut-ins this month are: C. SANDRIK, S. PERRY, W. HALLA, B. CALVERT, C. BRICHACEK, R. JONES, and A. KENNEDY. Hope to see you men back very soon... Happy birthday greetings are sent to the following: E. SHIELDS, R. BELL, B. STRONG, J. MANUS, D. BROWNLEE, C. HUNTINGTON, W. COTTON, L. CHATMAN, M. GRICKI, T. IVERY, R. GREEN, J. WILLIAMS, P. HENDERSON, I. CUNNINGHAM, T. GUMBUS, J. DANIEL, J. STAHULAK, C. HARRIS, R. FAY, A. REESE, J. GIBSON, C. KONOPACKI, C. GREEN, and I. DAVIS...Well, fellows, that's it for this month. See you next month.

*- James Marshall*

**KEDZIE -**

Superintendent M. HARRINGTON and Superintendent G. DAUBS want to congratulate all of the operators for their part in beating our all-time low in accidents in 1970. Let's strive a little harder to make a better showing in the Interstation Safety Contest. . . Congratulations to Operator J. TALLEY who took his pension on February 1 after 43 years of service. John started his transit career with the Chicago Motor Coach in 1927. The best of luck to you, John, and your wife...Operator R. HARMON and his wife became grandparents on January 5 when their daughter gave birth to a baby girl. This is Mr. and Mrs. C. MOORE's first child...Pensioner C. DALBERG paid us a visit at the depot. He sure looks good and is enjoying retired life. Pensioner R. JOHNSON of Three Rivers, Michigan, dropped us a few lines. He's doing fine, and says hello to all at Kedzie...Chief Clerk F. CARPINO and his wife spent the month of February in Florida just enjoying life at its best...Clerk (Red) O'CONNOR is back to work after being off sick. It's good to see you back, Red...Don't forget our credit union. Save a little every payday. As you save, you help another brother in need.

*- Raymond Graham*

**LIMITS -**

Operator RICK RHEINSTROM had an enjoyable vacation visiting with his family and sightseeing in New York City. Rick is one of our many young operators and is doing a good job...Operator LUCAS DANIELE and his wife had a most enjoyable time entertaining their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. SEAGAL, from Culver City, California. It's always a happy time when your loved ones come for a visit...Supervisor H. GOETZ and his wife became grandparents when their son, PAUL, and his wife, ANN, presented them with a cute baby girl, JILL KATHLEEN. Congratulations to the proud parents and also to grandfather and grandmother...Operator LAWRENCE WEATHERLY and his wife welcomed their first child after 13 years of married life. Congratulations!..Instructor GENE DIEDEN and his wife welcomed home their son, JAMES, who recently completed his tour of duty with the armed

F. HARDT
43 Years

J. TALLEY
43 Years

JOINING THE ranks of the retired February 1 were the six employes pictured here who had 40 or more years of transit service each.

W. J. KEARNS
44 Years

A. A. OLSEN
41 Years

# NEW PENSIONERS

R. H. WAINSCOTT
41 Years

J. J. DARCY
42 Years

GEORGE W. AUSTIN, Bus Repairer, Kedzie, Emp. 2-14-46
EDWARD P. BORDES, Operator, North Park, Emp. 11-30-36
JAMES BORNER, Operator, Keeler, Emp. 9-7-43
PHILLIP BOYLE, Machinist, South Shops, Emp. 10-7-46
WILLIAM T. BRISON, Janitor, North Section, Emp. 1-8-46
MARGARET M. CEPEK, Steno V, Law, Emp. 2-1-46
FRED L. CROCKETT, Operator, Limits, Emp. 7-26-48
JOHN J. DARCY, Foreman, Electrical, Emp. 1-8-29
HAROLD V. ERICKSEN, Operator, Beverly, Emp. 10-30-33
HARRY G. HACKBARTH, Operator, Archer, Emp. 10-27-33
FRED HARDT, Clerk, Limits, Emp. 11-29-27
WILLIE K. HARE, Operator, Archer, Emp. 4-24-44
FRED HAUSER, Electrical Worker "A", South Shops, Emp. 6-12-25
ALBERT HICKMAN, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 1-11-45
JAMES JAGOS, Bus Serviceman, Lawndale, Emp. 10-2-46
CHARLES T. JAKALE, Traffic Checker, Schedule-Traffic, Emp. 11-11-36
GRACE A. JOHNSON, Clerical Supervisor, Claim, Emp. 3-11-27
RALPH J. JOHNSON, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 9-2-41
WALTER R. JOHNSON, Supervisor, Utility, Emp. 7-15-29
CHARLES F. KARSCHNIK, Chief Clerk, Beverly, Emp. 8-25-20
WILLIAM J. KEARNS, Supervisor, District D, Emp. 10-15-26
WALTER H. KERBS, Operator, Archer, Emp. 1-3-44
WILLIAM J. KVIZ, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 12-3-41
JOSEPH LEE, Janitor, West Section, Emp. 11-4-53
RUDOLPH F. MAAS Jr., Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 5-13-42
CLARENCE W. MALOTTKE, Supt. of Const. & Maint., Electrical, Emp. 8-15-23
JOHN MASCARI, Carpenter, Skokie Shops, Emp. 11-9-42
JOHN F. McKENNA, Training Assistant II, Training & Accident Prevention, Emp. 10-11-30
* RONALD A. MENDYK, Chauffeur, Utility, Emp. 8-4-58
LOUIS R. MENKEN, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 1-16-43
MICHAEL J. O'CONNOR, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 11-29-43
ARTHUR A. OLSEN, Clerk, North Avenue, Emp. 6-7-29
GEORGE A. OLSZEWSKI, Bus Repairer, Campaign Area, Emp. 10-24-47
GEORGE J. PINTA, Mobile Bus Repairer, Surface System Garages, Emp. 8-25-36
JOSEPH A. ROSSBACH, Supervisor, District A, Emp. 1-27-34
JOHN TALLEY, Operator, Kedzie, Emp. 10-17-27
NICK A. VERLATTO, Operator, Beverly, Emp. 9-12-42
RUPHAS H. WAINSCOTT, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 10-22-29

* Disability retirement

forces. This makes father and mother very happy now that their three sons have completed their military obligations. ..Pensioner NICK KOEHNKE sends his best regards to all of the men at Limits. Nick is enjoying his pension to the fullest down in sunny Port Ritchie, Florida. DALE KOEHNKE, his son, is one of the most liked persons at Limits, and is following in his father's footsteps as an operator...We are happy to see Operators FRANK PRADZINSKI and GUS PETRUS back on the active list after being off for some time due to illness...Instructor HENDERSON is recovering slowly from his illness, and only time will tell when he is able to come back to work...Operator ROBERT PENDLETON has been in the hospital undergoing tests to determine the nature of his illness...Operator CARMEN IACULLO is wearing a cast on his left arm due to a fall on a bit of ice and snow near his home...Superintendent MILES DeWITT is now recuperating at home after a siege of pneumonia. Superintendents LOU MUELLER and JIM BROGAN have been doing an excellent job filling in for Mr. DeWitt...Our sincerest sympathy to the families of ELMER GEBAUER and ARTHUR MAAS who passed away last month.

*- R. S. Benson*

**LOOP -**

Belated birthday greetings to Agent MARY MARBLE, January 16...Speaking of birthdays, it was just one year ago on February 1 that the Kennedy extension began operating... MARY GALLAGHER hasn't returned from her mid-winter vacation in Ireland. I guess she must have heard about our cold spell in Chicago...FRED TRIEM was unable to get home during the holidays to visit his family. He took a two-week leave of absence and flew to Washington where he had a wonderful visit...We are delighted to report that ANN CINCETTI is back to work again. Ann says her stay at Duke university did her a lot of good. The doctors there found medication which has helped her bronchial condition. Glad to have you back...Co-reporter MILDRED DOYLE is off the sick list and back on the job. Stick around, Mildred, both the Transit News and your co-reporter need your cooperation...GWEN (Smiley) WASH was ill from a virus for awhile, but fought the bug off and is now back again being her usual cheerful self...DOROTHY ADLER was feeling miserable with all the usual symptoms of the flu bug, but refused to let it get her down. She kept right on the job in spite of the sniffles and sneezes. That's our gal. ..WILBUR STRASSER and his wife took two neighborhood children down to Holiday Park in Ingleside, Illinois. They met DOROTHY DISMANG and her son, JOHN, and a friend down there. The boys had a marvelous time skiing and eating hot dogs and other goodies while the older folks had a ball watching them...We hear that JUANITA HARRISON is back in the hospital again. We hope it will be a short stay and that we will soon be seeing Juanita back on the job... Janitor J. LEE, who is retiring this month, will be missed very much by the agents on the Kennedy line where he worked. All his co-workers wish him the best and hope his retirement days will be happy ones...It was a surprise to everyone when GENEVIEVE RUSSIN left the Grand Avenue Station on the last pick. Genny worked at that station for 20 years. We wish her luck at her new station...DOROTHY PARKER also decided a change was in order. She left the Dearborn subway after many years of working there. Dorothy is now working at the Addison Station on the Kennedy line. We hope you like it there, Dorothy, we know you will make a lot of new friends...Welcome to TITUS ALLEN, one of our new student agents who just moved to the West Section from the South Side. Glad to have you with us, Titus... Retired Agent MARY LYONS asks to be remembered to all her friends. She also asked us to convey her thanks for the retirement and Christmas gifts she received...MARION KAAD wishes to thank all her friends for their thoughtful consideration during her recent bereavement...We wish to express our sympathy to JUSTIN McCARTHY of the Central Assignment Office on the loss of his father...I'm sorry that Clerk JOE MARKOS caught heck over the two umbrellas he was taking to be repaired. I would like to inform those who turned the story around and really started something. Joe is a swell fellow and wouldn't take a thread from anyone or any place. So, more than one owes Joe an apology. Those umbrellas we wrote about were his personal property...Glad to see CATHERINE McKENNY back on the job after being off sick...Agent M. HAASE has been sewing for her three granddaughters, and now that the fourth little one just arrived, grandma is so happy she keeps that new sewing machine humming every evening making their summer dresses, I guess...Happy birthday to Agent D. DISMANG who was one year younger in February...Clerk DAN DOYLE just returned from a wonderful vacation in California. Dan flew there in January when the weather was a warm 90 degrees; the warmest January in 31 years. I guess the weatherman knew he was coming. Dan's friends had so many places to take him that he would have had to stay longer than he had anticipated in order to see all of them. Some of the places visited were: Knott's Berry Farm, San Juan Capistrano Mission, Busch Gardens, and Disneyland. He enjoyed a nice cool ride to Mexico where he and his friends walked around and shopped in many of the colorful shops. The highlight of Dan's trip was when he visited the Steve Allen show and met Charo, the wife of Xavier Cugat, who sang a song for him, and after the show she gave him a quart of wine and a big kiss...Please, friends, get that news rolling in, we need all your help to keep our column going.

*- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wirted*

**MILWAUKEE, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -**

It's good to see Agents BETTY RUSSO, MARY STANCZYK, ANN CINCETTI, and Assignment Agent MIKE TOBIN back to work after so many weeks on the sick list... Agent LOUISE DREWS is home from the hospital and recuperating nicely. Louise hopes to return to work soon... Agent LOUIS MENKEN took his pension on February 1 after 28 years of service. Louis plans to spend the first six months relaxing and enjoying that wonderful I-don't-have-to-go-to-work-tonight feeling. Best wishes to Louis for a long and happy retirement...ESTER JAMES has promised never to be asleep again when picking time comes around. Who knows, Ester, you might enjoy working Peoria No. 1... Congratulations to KAREN DOMINO who became a regular assignment agent when the new pick went into effect...Welcome to the great West Side to Student Agents DON MATSUNAGA and LARRY GIRTLEY who were transferred from the North and South sides...Belated birthday wishes to MARY BURROWS, January 13; Janitor LEE and ADAM WAAS, January 22, and to your co-scribe GRACE MOUNTS, January 8. Grace spent her birthday visiting her husband, CLEMENT, who has been in the hospital since the holidays. Grace also spent three days on the sick list herself...Jefferson Park's favorite clerk, PETE GURETZ, and his wife

and sister-in-law, Mrs. JOHN TURINI, have gone to Lima, Peru, to visit Pete's daughter, Sister JANET HELEN. Hope they have a safe and enjoyable trip. Pete has promised to give us a detailed account of his trip upon his return...Superintendent RALPH DeMARIA is still off sick. We all wish to extend to him our best wishes and prayers for a speedy recovery...Best wishes for many happy years in their new home to LINDA TAPINS and her family...We wish to extend our sympathy to Assignment Agent JUSTIN McCARTHY and his family on the death of his father... MARION KAAD wishes to thank everyone for their cards and kind words which she received at the time of her sister's death...A big welcome to the Kennedy line to DOROTHY PARKER. Hope you are enjoying the sunlight and fresh air. Dorothy's coming out of the hole caused a chain reaction on the Kennedy and a bumping good time was had by all...I can understand why a name with 20 letters is shortened, but why drop the LOLLI from LOLLIPOP and settle for just plain POP, Pop?..Strange happenings on the Kennedy. Who was the agent that was searched by the police at Irving Park the other day? Rumor has it that he was suspected of having a concealed weapon. And what did that alleged weapon turn out to be?..Best wishes for a speedy recovery to the wife of Clerk NORMAN LODERHOSE. Mrs. Loderhose is at home recuperating from surgery...Hope the Vamp of Van Buren is feeling better. She told me the other day she hadn't been feeling very vampish lately...BETTY RUSSO would like to thank all who called, sent mass cards, flowers, and plants to cheer her during her recent illness...Belated wishes to Part-time Agent GEORGE SUPKAY, who was married to CARMEN F. BOBBIO on September 5.

*- Grace Mounts & Katy Moriarty*

**NORTH AVENUE -**

We welcome TERRY McGUIGAN who became assistant day foreman at North Avenue. We also welcome back Night Foreman JOSEPH WARD...JOSEPH FIORITA, formerly day foreman at North, now at Archer Depot tire center as day foreman, became a grandfather for the seventh time when his daughter, PATRICIA RILEY, gave birth to a baby girl, EILEEN MARIE. The Rileys also have four sons...Superintendent FRANK BUETOW paid his friends at North Avenue a welcome visit. Frank has been on the sick list...Pensioner BILL ECHOLS writes that he enjoyed Christmas and thanks all of his friends for the cards he received. Bill is well. I had a visit with Pensioner ERNEST BOCK who was on the sick list. He looks good and I hope to have him ready, willing, and able for the summer fishing season... Operator WILLIAM BUETOW enjoyed a quiet vacation watching the bad weather while the rest of us had to work in it...I trust all of you remembered your special gals, wives, or sweethearts, on Valentine's Day. If you didn't, you're in the doghouse now...Operator DAVID KISSANE, Kedzie Depot, celebrated his 39th birthday, again, on January 25. How many of you remember way back when he first celebrated his 39th birthday?..Hopalong Cassidy rides again. This time he will be a Polish Hopalong in the person of WILLIAM KOSEK of South Shops. He is always dashing around so the men at South Shops have offered to buy him a horse to lighten his work. Anyone want to donate a ten-gallon hat?..And now, from Switchboard Operator WALTER BLIX, comes the news from the Inner Sanctum. This month there's a bit of vacation news from the fellows in the front office. Clerk BOB WITTENBERG and his Mrs. have just returned from Nevada, the land of the one-armed bandits. From all indications Bob wasn't able to take an early pension, which means that we'll all be listening to more of his stories for a good while to come. Our genial Assistant Chief Clerk ART OLSEN is taking two vacations. One is the one he picked, and this will be followed by his retirement. All of us here wish you loads of good luck, Art, and needless to say, we're all going to miss you. By this time another member of the Inner Sanctum, Clerk ROLAND HEAD and his Mrs., should be basking in the beautiful Florida sunshine. Just to make sure that they don't get all of it, Clerk TOM HICKEY and his wife, BEA, are going to follow them down there. Another clerk who doesn't intend to stay around and endure our cold winter weather is FRANK PASCHE. He and his wife will also head their little ol' Chevelle in the direction of the Sunshine State... Our belated best wishes to Switchboard Operator JOHN STICH on his (?) birthday. Needless to say we all enjoyed the calorie loaded cake that went with it. Speaking of birthdays, January 30, 1921, must have been a very important day in history. It was on this day that Superintendent WILLIAM MOSER let out his first yell to let everyone know that hereafter he was to be counted in every census. Congratulations, boss. Congratulations are also in order for Relief Superintendent EDDIE BRODD who has been appointed night superintendent at North Park Station. As the saying goes: North Park's gain is North Avenue's loss. Acting Superintendent ART TABEL has been doing a good job seeing that things are kept in order here at North Avenue. We've also lost one of our sanitary engineers, EDDIE LYNCH, who recently went to Kedzie to help clean things up...If any of you happen to run across JUDY STACH, the lovely daughter of Clerk BOB STACH, be sure you're wearing your dark glasses because the gleam of that ring on the third finger of her left hand just might blind you. How's that for a Christmas present? Wedding bells should be ringing sometime in mid-1971...Our sincerest condolences to the families of Operator TERRY REGAN on the loss of his mother, JANE, and Instructor PAUL WINKOWSKI on the loss of his father...Without Walter's help this would have been a mighty short column. How about it, somebody must have done something? Also, all of you pensioners; north, south, east, and west, let us hear from you. How's the fishing? Is it a good vacation spot in your part of the country? I want news. Help!

*- William Miedema*

**NORTH PARK -**

North Park's annual credit union meeting was held on January 8 at River Park fieldhouse where a fine report was delivered by Treasurer JOHN O'BRIEN. The officers declared a dividend of 6% on savings, and all members are urged to bring in their books so that they may be brought up to date. PAUL COOK was elected to the credit committee for a 3-year term, while WALTER UHLEMANN was elected president and a member of the board of directors. Refreshments were served and the following won door prizes: Mrs. ETHEL PERRY, Mrs. SUE PETERS, Mrs. LEE UHLEMANN, Mrs. SUE HUTNICK, Mrs. EUNICE SMALL, Mrs. ANN WISNIEWSKI, Pensioners JULIUS MERSCH, JOE VAN DEN EEDEN, EDWARD BORDES, CHARLES DUNNE, MARTIN DEVANEY, and MARTIN BAKKA, Operators SEYMOUR STEINBERG, PAUL COOK, JOHN FIESTERMAN, FRANK KOZIOL, JOHN COSGROVE, WILLARD FRIEB, JAMES DOLAN, BEN NEUMAN, GENE

BRUDNEY, HENRY SCHRAMM, CHARLES WISNIEWSKI, JOHN KACZAR, SOL MUSCARELLO, and PAT SCIORTINO, Instructor WALTER STEINBEISS, Ticket Agent WALTER LOWING, Sanitary Engineer STANLEY GUSTAFSON, and Repairmen GENE DRZEWICKI and ROMAN YENDRE-ZCZYK. Our congratulations to Treasurer John O'Brien and his assistants, TONY BRUNO and DALE PETERS, for a very efficient job. . . Superintendents ROBERT KEAG, JACK MORRIS, and VICTOR JOHNSON would like to take this opportunity to thank the operators at North Park for making 1970 the best year we have had in accident reduction. A total of 186 operators made no reports of any type for the year...Congratulations are extended to JACK MORRIS who was appointed superintendent of Lawndale Depot, while EDWARD BRODD was appointed assistant superintendent at North Park. We extended a hearty welcome home to Mr. Brodd who was formerly an operator at North Park and hope his stay will be a long one...Operator CARL HANSEN, who has been off sick for a considerable period of time, has returned to work as a street collector, and we at North Park are happy to see Carl back again...Chief Clerk RAY SIMON is counting the days until he can return to his summer retreat at Noblesville, Indiana, and get his vegetable and flower gardens started again...Clerk of the Year, TERRY LATTIN, spent his vacation in Michigan showing the natives how to ski and snowmobile, and reports that the results were excellent...Mrs. EDITH POSNER, the wife of Operator SAM POSNER, is recovering satisfactorily at this writing from recent surgery at Edgewater hospital. Our prayers are with Edith for a complete recovery...Operator WILLIAM KNIGHT and his wife, ELKENA, became grandparents for the first time on December 23 when their daughter, Mrs. MURIEL BALDWIN, gave birth to a son named KEITH WILLIAM at St. Elizabeth hospital...Operator EDWARD (Aces) O'BRIEN became a grandfather for the first time when his daughter, Mrs. KATHLEEN MICNOR, gave birth to a daughter named DONNA JANE on October 21 at Ingalls Memorial hospital located in Harvey, Illinois, weighing 8 pounds 9 ounces...Operator ZEKE JAGST was married on Saturday, February 20, to Miss HILDA GEBHARD at St. Lukes Lutheran church. The reception held at the Belmont hotel was attended by 150 guests. The young couple honeymooned in Austria and the Alps in Switzerland where they enjoyed a skiing ball...Pensioner JOHN KARASEK and his wife, LILLIAN, and their son, Dr. MARVIN KARASEK, flew via TWA to Lisbon, Portugal, for a grand vacation trip. Also on the agenda were trips to Tangier, Africa, and Seville, Granada, Valencia, and Barcelona, Spain, then on to Lucerne, Switzerland, Paris, France, and London, England, before returning home...Pensioner CARL DESIMONE was a visitor at North Park and reports that he is taking a two-month trip to Bellflower, California, to visit friends, and then will leave for Tampa, Florida, to visit relatives for the rest of the winter...Pensioner GARRETT FOY stopped at the depot to see his many friends. Garrett and his lovely wife, JEAN, who are living in Jasonville, Indiana, report that the hunting and fishing are keeping them busy. Garrett invites his friends to stop by and try his strawberries, tomatoes, corn, and other assorted vegetables...Pensioner HARVEY GEHMAN and his wife, INGEBORG, of Highlandville, Iowa, were in Chicago for their annual visit with their children, TED, HELENE, and MARIE. Harvey looks and feels fine and invites his many friends to stop and see him as they pass through Iowa...I would like to take this opportunity to thank my many pensioner friends who have sent me Season's Greetings and keep those grand notes coming.

Happy anniversaries are extended to the following: Operator JOE SCALETTA and his wife, DOREEN, their 13th; Operator HENRY NEUMAN and his wife, LEONA, their 39th; Assistant Superintendent EDWARD BRODD and his wife, ANN, their 34th; Operator MELVIN HORNING and his wife, VIOLET, their 33rd; Operator ARTHUR OLSON and his wife, LENORE, their 31st; Operator ED ZIENTARA and his wife, ROSE, their 35th; Operator ROGER AYOTTE and his wife, HELEN, their 12th; Pensioner JOHN KARASEK and his wife, LILLIAN, their 41st; Superintendent ROY RIPKA and his wife, IRIS, their 7th, and Utility Chauffeur JOHN MILLER and his wife, ROZIA, their 37th...Happy birthdays are extended to the following: Operators IRVING WEINER, ARMAND DELGADILLO, JOSEPH GUZZARDO, SEYMOUR STEINBERG, ED NEWTON, CHARLES KEMP, GARY NOONAN, NICK GASPER, and IRIS RIPKA, WALTER LINDEMANN, GARY KEMP, FRANCES NEWTON, SHIRLEY PAOLI, JULIA ZAHN, LINDA DIEDIER, MIKE SCHRAMM, MIN SEIFERT, Receiver BILL CERKEN, and BONNIE NEUMAN...Our sympathy and condolences to Operator DALE PETERS on the loss of his father, Mr. J. H. PETERS, of Nashville, Arkansas; to Operator TOMMY SIMMONS on the sudden death of his beloved wife, ERNESTINE, and Pensioner MELVIN ZAHR on the loss of his beloved wife, LILLIAN...Operator STANLEY KAZAK and his wife, JOANNE, flew by 747 to San Francisco, California, to attend the funeral of Joanne's brother, Mr. LOUIS WAGNER. Our condolences to the Kazaks...Repair Department Chit Chat: Clerk GENE LOTITO and his wife, ELSIE, his daughter, DONNA, and his son, ALLEN, spent a week at Boyne Mountain Resort near Grand Rapids, Michigan, where they received several skiing lessons. Gene reports everyone came through with flying colors and the family is looking forward to returning for the next venture...Repairman FRANK (The Cat) SCHENDL, while on vacation in Iowa, was snowed in at Davenport where they had 30 inches of snow, and when he got to Waterloo, he had trouble starting his car in the 27 below zero weather. Frank and his wife again enjoyed their stay at the Dodge House motel where they savored the meals in the Gypsy Tea Room... Pensioner JULIUS MERSCH donned his Santa Claus suit again and gave his seven grandchildren another wonderful Christmas party...Bus Dispatcher GEORGE SERITELLA had the good fortune of picking his two-week winter vacation during our recent zero weather...Repairman FRANK CIONE enjoyed his vacation in Las Vegas where the shows were super, the meals great, and, well, Frank's pocketbook is a little flatter...Repairman PAUL (On the Ball) SCHREVES entertained his neighbors with his annual Christmas concert on his theatre organ...Remember, the Credit Union is ready, willing, and able to help all who need cash to meet those Christmas bills and income tax problems. So see JOHN, TONY, or DALE for ready cash.

*- Melvin Horning*

**NORTH SECTION -**

Congratulations and best wishes to WALTER LINDBERG, Howard switchman, and DEBRA MAYFIELD on their recent marriage...Welcome back to Howard Yard Foreman JAMES PRENDERGAST after a two and one-half year absence...Congratulations to Student Ticket Agent H. CHERKOSKY on his recent engagement. Plans are now being made for a November wedding...Ticket Agent ROSE McANDREWS became a grandmother on January 9 when her son, TERRY, and his wife, DOROTHY, presented her

with her first grandson, TIMOTHY MICHAEL. Rose informs us that he weighed in at 6 pounds 11 ounces and was 19 inches long with auburn hair and knows how to smile at grandma...Birthday greetings are sent to Agent THELMA ZINNINGER, January 9; Janitor WARDELL LEE, January 9, and Agent LILLY WILLIS, January 10...The father of Janitor JOHN McCONVILLE and Agent BETTY FIFE is confined in Ravenswood hospital at this writing. Mr. McConville is to undergo surgery, and we wish him a complete and speedy recovery...Ticket Agent DANIEL DIASIO became a grandfather, twice, when his daughter-in-law, DOROTHY, gave birth to twins, a boy and a girl, on December 28. Dorothy is the daughter of Retired Howard Switchman H. HENGELS. Dan also told us that his son, DANIEL, the twins' father, was also confined to the hospital and passed away and was buried on January 25. To Dan and the rest of his family we extend our heartfelt sympathy. ..We welcome eight newcomers to the North Side: H. ISACH, D. BROSMAN, J. MARTINAC, P. RIVERA, J. SAINSBURY, J. SARNA, B. JACKSON, and F. KLOSOWSKI. ..This month the news is short as your scribe, at this writing, is on the sick list having been hospitalized in Forkosh hospital. I wish to thank everyone who phoned and sent cards...If anyone has any news for the next issue, please give it to the clerks at Howard and Kimball.

*- Tina Henke*

**OPERATIONS (Transportation) -**

On Christmas eve, DIEDRE MARLENE, the daughter of BOB TALBOT, received a diamond ring from CARL L. COLOMBO. They are planning their wedding for Easter Sunday. Diedre is a school teacher and Carl is an architect. Congratulations and good luck to the newly engaged couple...JULIE WILLEM recently returned from a vacation in Puebla, Mexico. She spent two weeks with her son, RAY, and his wife, ADALINA. Julie went to Lake Chapala for a few days, which was very pretty, and did some sightseeing. She also went to Guadalajara where she saw her first (and probably her last) bull fight. The weather was beautiful and she had a wonderful time, especially being with her son and daughter-in-law during the Christmas holidays. . . While JAMES R. BLAA was doing snow work around his home, he slipped and fell and broke his left leg. He is now taking it easy recuperating. RAY STRATTON is presently off sick and in the hospital. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

**(Transportation Instruction) -**

WALTER STONE, a surface system instructor, recently passed the entrance exams and has been accepted into a program for deacons in the Archdiocese of Chicago. For the next two years he will attend classes on theology and scripture at Quigley North. Congratulations, Walter, and keep up the good work.

**(Equipment Research & Development) -**

After spending a week in the hospital undergoing surgery, CHARLES RICKER is now home recuperating. He had the misfortune of falling and injuring his achilles tendon. We hear he is coming along fine and we send him our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

**(Utility and Emergency Service) -**

On February 1 WALTER R. JOHNSON began his retirement after 42 years of service. Coffee and rolls were served at Blue Island in his honor. A few of those who came to give him a good send-off were JOE MULREE, ELMER FEHLHABER, and FRANCIS VAN GEENAN who is presently off sick. On this same day, his wife, GRACE, who worked in the Claim Department, also retired. We wish them the best of health and a very happy retirement... PAT PORCELIUS and his wife flew to Las Vegas for four days of fun. They saw some shows and left there not winners, but not losers. The weather there was something else. While they were there, Las Vegas experienced the coldest weather since 1950. They went on to Oakland and visited with some friends, went sightseeing in San Francisco, and ended their vacation at Lake Tahoe...A. CANDELA had an especially nice Christmas and New Year as he spent the holidays with his daughter in California...CASEY DeBOER, who is now living in Minnesota, stopped in to say hello while he was in Chicago. He then traveled to Florida to the sun and warm weather...RICHARD O'GORMAN is presently in the hospital after suffering a stroke. We send our best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery...We are happy to see that TONY CALABRESE is feeling fine and is back to work after a lengthy illness...We would like to extend our sympathy to the family of JOHN DUBIN who recently passed away, and to BEN LONGINOTTI whose wife passed away on January 29 after a short illness.

*- Colette Szczepanek*

**PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -**

As this icy weather continues to freeze us, we have the assurance that when the groundhog makes his yearly appearance, we will thaw out once again. Now, while we await the coming of spring, let's spring some news on you...Purchasing's REBECCA COUSIN rested with her parents at their home in Nashville, Tennessee, over the Christmas holidays...DARLENE JANSEN, Purchasing, spent her vacation entertaining relatives over the holidays and, of course, getting up early--in the p.m...We were happy to receive a letter from MARGARET HANSON, retired employe of the Purchasing Department, stating that she was well and requesting that we write in this column that she thanks her friends for the birthday cards she received...GEORGE ADAMS, superintendent of Specifications, was really high in the air while on his vacation. He spent most of the time in airplanes. However, he did get to enjoy some of the California weather, which has warmer temperatures than the Windy City...Great news--your former Transit News reporter, JANE URSO, became the mother of CHRISTOPHER ARTHUR URSO who was born on January 8 at Columbus hospital. Christopher weighed 6 pounds 10 ounces. Jane and Christopher are doing just fine, we are happy to report...JILL MISE was all smiles on January 14, the day that she formally announced her engagement to ELLIOT LINNE. No wedding date has been set. The ring was presented to her the night of January 13 as she was having dinner at the Arc in Glenview. Elliot, her husband-to-be, is a former employe of CTA and is now stationed in California serving in the U.S. Marines. By the way, Elliot's father, BURT, has been a member of the CTA team for 35 years. He's a ticket agent at Montrose on the Kennedy... KATHLEEN McATEER, Stores G.O., has left CTA to await the birth of her first child (or will it be children?). A luncheon was given in her honor on her last day by several of her friends. The luncheon was held at Henrici's on New Year's eve. Serenaders were present this day and asked for requests. When they asked Kathy for her request, she answered, "I'm getting married in the morning." The song

was announced, and everyone joined in the singing. After the song, everyone applauded and Kathy stood up to take her bow! Of course, as she did so, laughter rang out! Kathy has a sense of humor, and this is one of the many reasons we will miss her. Much happiness to Kathy and her husband, JIM, along with the new addition--or additions--to their family...A double welcome to Stores G.O. this month--to JERRY KILLMAN, replacing KEVIN BARRET as order clerk, and to MARY ANN CAHILL, replacing KATHY McATEER as typist I. Glad to see you both with the team in the Mart, Mary Ann and Jerry...BARNY GAGNON visited with his sister in Kankakee, Illinois, during Christmas vacation, and enjoyed some time with his wife's mother in Beaverville, Illinois...CHESTER SKORA, Stores, while on his vacation, which he spent at home, replaced a faucet in his kitchen sink (he has this thing about drips). Also, while he and his wife spent a day taking a drive in Lemont, Illinois, he got a flat tire on the Dan Ryan Expressway. Of course, he shook his head; and as he did so, a Good Samaritan came along and offered to change the tire for Chester--and he did, too!..As you can see, there's no news from our Storeroom personnel. So, men, PLEASE FURNISH US WITH SOME NEWS!

*- Cathy Raschick & John Gill*

**RAPID TRANSIT MAINTENANCE TERMINALS -**

Our condolences to the family of FRANK BENANTI in the passing of his mother on January 22...Our sympathy to G. SMEROS, Kimball, and his family in the passing of his wife on December 24...A wish to hurry and get well is sent to FRANK FAWCETT, Kimball, who is off sick...Welcome to DONALD FALBORSKI, new car serviceman at Kimball...Congratulations to C. L. DUNLAP Jr., Dan Ryan, on his marriage to CHERYL LAWRENCE in St. Louis on December 24. Best wishes for years of marital bliss are sent to the newlyweds...Back to work after an enjoyable holiday vacation are T. FRIEND and R. DAVIS, Dan Ryan... Farewell to M. MOLLOY who transferred from Dan Ryan to 61st Street, and a welcome back to C. L. DUNLAP Jr. who returned to Dan Ryan...Welcome back to JOHN KOFER, Dan Ryan, who was off on the sick list...Sorry to hear that F. RIO, Congress, is back in the hospital...Congress now has added a bowling team to its collection of athletes. The terrors of the tenpins are: J. McDONOUGH, R. SCHEIBE, C. SEYMOUR, C. TUCKNOTT, R. GALLARDO, M. KEATING, and M. VASQUEZ.

*- Ray Brzezek*

**SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -**

RUTH HAVLIK and her sister, MARIE, of the Electrical Department, flew to Mexico. One of the star attractions was riding the new subway in Mexico City...Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD GOLDSTEIN celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary on January 8, and Mr. and Mrs. B. ALSTON, outside checker, celebrated their wedding anniversary on December 12...The Schedule Department has three first-time grandparents. JAKE SUMNER's daughter-in-law gave birth to a son, and DOROTHY ETSCHEID's daughter gave birth to a baby girl. BERNIE KINCANNON's daughter gave birth to a doubleheader--twins. Congratulations to the parents and to the grandparents. Bernie is now convalescing at home after a stay in the hospital. We extend our best wishes to him for a speedy recovery...ANTHONY MICKOVIC, outside checker, and his wife flew to Arizona and then on to Ohio to spend the holidays with relatives and friends. ..WALTER THOMAS and his wife flew to Oregon to celebrate Christmas with his in-laws and their children. This was the first Christmas reunion in 14 years...WALTER SCHWEINFURTH and his wife flew to California to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother. The Schweinfurths are sporting a new Oldsmobile Cutlass. Good luck.

*- Kathryn Batina*

**SKOKIE SHOPS -**

ROBERT BINNIE, electrical worker, made a visit to the shop to say hello, and is feeling great after his gall bladder operation. Hurry back, Bob...EDWIN KNIAZ, machinist, is home resting after an eye operation. Hope to see you soon, Ed...THOMAS HOEY, electrical worker, has been chosen for jury duty. Good luck, Tom, I hope you enjoy it... JOSEPH MICHALCZUK, electrical worker, is still home after a long stand of illness. Hurry back, Joseph, the boys are asking for you...ROBERT S. WINTHER, Technical Services, is certainly having a ball bringing the cute pictures of his grandchild to the office for a viewing with everyone. Keep it up, Bob, we love it...To THOMAS LYONS, divisional engineer: Sorry I forgot to welcome you back to Skokie Shops. Nice having you back, Tom... Fellow Employes--Please send in some news for the Transit News.

*- Everett E. England*

**SOUTH SECTION -**

Your reporter just returned from spending two weeks on jury duty at the Civic Center, which was real interesting and different. Now I know something about the workings of the law in jury trials pertaining to accident cases. It was enjoyable, but I was sure glad to come home to Ashland Avenue to roost after it was over...Congratulations to Motorman ROBERT JACKSON who became a clerk on the South Section on December 13, and to Motorman JOHN KENNEDY who started as a clerk on the North Section on the same date. Good luck to you both...All you South Siders, pat yourselves on the back for helping to make 1970 the safest year in CTA history. Let's all keep up the good work in 1971 and make it an even safer year...Received a nice card from Retired Motorman CHARLES RUMMEL who lives in Glendale, California. He was in Chicago not long ago, but didn't get a chance to see all his old friends, so he says hello to everyone...It sure is good to see Motorman WILLIAM BROWN, Conductor WILLIAM ROWE, and Janitor PETE EVANS back to work after being on the sick list for quite some time...This is really a success story for one of our South Siders. FRENCHIE ELLIS came up through the ranks, all the way from janitor, to conductor, to instructor, to the line office, and on January 3 he was appointed as relief station superintendent, West Section. Now that is really a success story. We all wish Frenchie the very best in his new appointment...Received a note at Christmas from Retired Clerk JOHN HEFFERNAN who lives in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. He and his wife are going to leave Florida in April and go back to his birthplace in South Dakota where the rest of his family and friends reside. They are getting along OK and send their regards to all of us...Salutations to newly-hired Conductors LEROY GROCE, LEVELL RADER, ALVIN STAFFORD, CHARLES MITCHELL, and JOHN PELT, and to newly-hired Agents

# recent deaths

ARTHUR E. ANDERSON, 82, Elston,
Emp. 3-19-15, Died 12-2-70
ALBERT BEROTT, 49, North Park,
Emp. 1-14-46, Died 1-23-71
JOHN B. BLAIS, 77, 77th Street,
Emp. 8-28-18, Died 1-6-71
MICHAEL BOCHNIK, 87, Elston,
Emp. 9-5-18, Died 12-31-70
HILLIARD BOULWARE, 41, Archer,
Emp. 12-6-56, Died 1-16-70
JAMES BRENNAN, 62, North Park,
Emp. 5-13-42, Died 1-21-71
LOUISE BUCKER, 88, North Section,
Emp. 3-6-25, Died 11-16-70
LEO BURCH, 89, Lincoln,
Emp. 12-13-21, Died 12-29-70
FRANK CANIANO, 83, Way & Structures,
Emp. 10-23-30, Died 12-11-70
ANDREW CAROLAN, 83, Track,
Emp. 6-23-27, Died 12-14-70
ANTHONY P. CASTO, 63, South Shops,
Emp. 9-18-45, Died 1-5-71
PATRICK CLARK, 79, North Section,
Emp. 2-16-20, Died 12-17-70
JEREMIAH CREAGH, 92, Lawndale,
Emp. 9-17-06, Died 1-1-71
WILLIAM J. CROSSON, 72, West Section,
Emp. 6-2-41, Died 12-31-70
NIKOLA DODER, 84, Track,
Emp. 6- -07, Died 12-11-70
EUGENE J. DUFFY, 60, West Section,
Emp. 8-26-36, Died 12-23-70
ERNEST L. EBBESON, 80, West Section,
Emp. 6-22-43, Died 12-29-70
FRANK ESPOSITO, 71, Lawndale,
Emp. 10-25-41, Died 12-29-70
STEPHEN EVANOFF, 79, North Avenue,
Emp. 11-28-27, Died 12-04-70
JAMES FAHEY, 91, Devon,
Emp. 2-4-05, Died 12-12-70
DAVID J. FANNING, 78, Claim,
Emp. 2-1-28, Died 12-10-70
JOSEPH FINN, 83, 69th Street,
Emp. 11-5-26, Died 12-20-70
ELMER GEBAUER, 62, Limits,
Emp. 1-6-30, Died 1-10-71
ALFRED GRABE, 69, South Section,
Emp. 1-30-45, Died 1-4-71

GLORIA McNEAL, EMMA BALENTON, VERONICA PARKER, MARY DIGGS, and MAUREEN HAMILTON...Another nice appointment was made on January 3 when Motorman JAMES HIGHTOWER was appointed a supervisor. Our best wishes to you, James...We were saddened to hear that Retired Motorman ALFRED GRABE passed away in Mountain Home, Arkansas. His wake and burial was here in Chicago. Mrs. GRABE said that after she straightens out their affairs in Mountain Home she will come back to Chicago to live...Also heard at Christmas from Retired Assistant Station Superintendent ARTHUR ANDERSON who lives in Arlington Heights. Their son, ALVIN, was transferred in his business to Memphis, Tennessee, so Arthur and his wife, HELEN, spent their Thanksgiving holiday with Alvin and his wife...Good, good news! Conductor HAROLD THEDENS, who had been on disability pension for one year, has regained his health and is back on the active list working as a conductor. It's good to see him around Ashland again... While shopping just before New Years, who should I meet in the store but Retired Motorman HARRY BARTON. He looked just wonderful...Janitor JAMES STRONG had a winter vacation and visited with his relatives in St. Louis and had a good time...Our sincere condolences to Instructor MITCHELL THOMAS whose brother passed away in Buffalo, New York, and to Janitor LENZY BATTLES whose mother passed away in St. Louis...Retired District Superintendent THOMAS (Terry) McGOVERN called to thank everyone for all the cards and letters he has received since retiring, and the kindnesses extended to him by all his friends...The new voices you will hear when calling the line office will be Instructors DAVID MARTIN and LESTER RACKER, and Supervisor JERRY JOHNSON...Received a note from Retired Superintendent of Operations JOHN HIGGINS from his home in Walnut Creek, California. He was in Chicago recently and visited our 95th Street office on the Dan Ryan. He was sorry he couldn't get around to visit his old friends at the other terminals...Resigning recently for positions elsewhere were: Motorman THOMAS FOSTER, Conductor OLIVER SOUTHERN, and Agents ROSETTA McDONALD, MINNIE WAKEFIELD, RAYBURNE LAWRENCE, and ELMIE HENRY...At this writing, Switchman NELSON ANDERSON and Motorman ALFRED CRISLER are on the sick list. Here's hoping for a speedy recovery and return to work...Another letter was received from Retired Supervisor HUGH KELLEY from Miami, Florida, and he said that he recently made a trip to California. While there he had a nice visit with Retired Superintendent of Operations JOHN HIGGINS and talked about the good old days...Good luck to Agent ALBERT POWERS who was transferred to the Schedule-Traffic Department on January 24.

*- Verna Hartney*

**SOUTH SHOPS -**

The Shops & Equipment Department would like to extend a warm welcome to OSCAR K. PETERSON who will be working at South Shops as coordinator of bus maintenance. ..The Technical Services-Surface Division staff would like to welcome BHUPINDAR S. MALLHI who will be working as a technical service technician III. Bhupindar is from India and has only been in this country for three months... Congratulations go out to J. BOLECH who became a grandfather for the third time when a grandson, JAMES JOSEPH, was born on January 7 weighing 7 pounds 2 ounces. This gives Mr. Bolech a total of two grandsons and one granddaughter...Our new general foreman, TED PIETRUS, became a grandfather for the sixth time when a grandson, GREGORY, was brought by the stork on January 20 weighing 8 pounds. This gives Mr. Pietrus a total of four grandsons and two granddaughters...Good luck is extended to FRED HAUSER, electrician, who took an early pension on February 1 after 45 years of service...Area 312 had some very interesting vacations recently. Mechanic JOSEPH

# among employes

BERNADETTE D. HAYES, 60, West Section,
Emp. 12-15-38, Died 10-24-70
BERT S. HITES, 77, North Avenue,
Emp. 12-21-25, Died 12-20-70
JOHN JANKOWSKI, 90, Archer,
Emp. 12-1-10, Died 12-10-70
LOUISE C. KNIPFEL, 77, Medical,
Emp. 8-5-30, Died 12-9-70
FRANK G. KOSHELSKI, 78, Blue Island,
Emp. 9-13-27, Died 1-4-71
THOMAS F. LOWRY, 83, 77th Street,
Emp. 6-18-20, Died 12-8-70
SAM McCARTHY, 89, Way & Structures,
Emp. 8-22-10, Died 1-2-71
ESTHER E. McDERMOTT, 73, South Section,
Emp. 5-12-42, Died 12-24-70
WILLIAM C. McDONALD, 60, Electrical,
Emp. 4-7-41, Died 12-28-70
PATRICK McEVOY, 75, 61st Street,
Emp. 1-3-28, Died 12-23-70
DANIEL McGRATH, 79, 77th Street,
Emp. 2-11-19, Died 12-6-70
STEPHEN McPOLIN, 70, 77th Street,
Emp. 4-10-23, Died 12-4-70
ELMER R. MICHAELIS, 71, Howard Street,
Emp. 9-9-18, Died 12-21-70
JAMES C. MOE, 55, Limits,
Emp. 1-20-58, Died 1-1-71
EARL E. MORS, 70, Forest Glen,
Emp. 12-10-24, Died 12-19-70
CHARLES J. PITUN, 88, 69th Street,
Emp. 1-2-07, Died 1-4-71
THOMAS RAILEY, 51, 77th Street,
Emp. 1-12-53, Died 1-18-71
JOHN ROHL, 79, 77th Street,
Emp. 5-3-18, Died 12-16-70
LEOPOLDO SALATO, 79, Way & Structures,
Emp. 10-22-29, Died 12-9-70
FRANK SENDOR, 85, Kedzie,
Emp. 10-10-18, Died 12-9-70
SWAN N. SWANSON, 86, West Shops,
Emp. 1-19-26, Died 12-1-70
HARRY TADROWSKI, 62, West Section,
Emp. 9-4-45, Died 12-27-70
FRED VAN DER LOCHT, 66, Shops & Equipment,
Emp. 7-1-46, Died 1-6-71

BUMBLAUSKAS and his family went to Florida for the Christmas holidays and had to eat three different Christmas meals with three different relatives. Joe said he was very disappointed with the Florida weather as the temperature there was 16 degrees. He was glad to get back to Chicago and warm up. All in all, it was a lovely vacation and a great way to put 3,000 miles on a new Dodge. Carpenter RAYMOND DAVIDSON also had a lovely vacation in Phoenix, Arizona, and Las Vegas...Ever hear the tall tales of a fisherman? Well, listen to this one. BILL LARSEN and a friend of his caught 100 perch up at Lake Mendota, Wisconsin. He said the fish were up to ten inches long. Bill says that if anyone has any doubts, they can count the fish. That won't be necessary, Bill, we all believe you... Congratulations are in order for Carpenter HENRY KROB and his wife and two children who moved into their new home on November 22; and to PAUL PSIK and his family on winning a brand new Ford Pinto...The fellows in Area 312 would like to welcome Carpenter ROBERT McCOLL back to work after being off for more than two months due to illness...All the men in Area 316 would like to wish Foreman JIM OOSTMAN a speedy recovery from surgery. Hurry back, Jim...Area 318 would like to acknowledge two very heroic men, MAX KUCHAN and STAN HILLOCK. While on their way to work one day, they discovered that bus 7203 was on fire and the bus driver was hard at work trying to extinguish it. Max and Stan's alertness led them to the $CO_2$ fire extinguishers in the South Shops and quickly ran to the bus, opened the inspection door and put the fire out. Max and Stan, we salute you...BOB FUHRMAN is home recuperating from surgery. Hurry back, Bob, we miss you. ..FRANK and MARY BRADY celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary on January 12. Frank also has two children working for CTA, FRANK Jr. and COLEEN BRADY...Area 318's PAT BARRY spent a very happy weekend with a very close friend...Area 313 Chit-Chat: There's a smiling face missing in the Paint Shop, fellows. Yes, JOE CARROLL is confined in the hospital, and we all would like to wish him a speedy recovery...We congratulate DELORD HATCHER on the birth of his first grandson. Also, congratulations to Mechanic JERRY DEXTER on the birth of his fourth child, January 9. He and his wife, CAROL, named the little one HOLLY ANN; she weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces...Carpenter CHARLES NEWMAN of Area 334 moved into his new home last month. Congratulations, Chucky...Area 333 congratulates PHIL SEKLECKI and his wife, KATHLEEN, on the birth of their third daughter on December 13. Keep trying, Phil, you will get a boy sooner or later...The fellows in Area 333 and 338 would like to wish DALE EICH and JOSEPH SANDERS a speedy recovery. . . ANTHONY DE VAUX of Area 346 went to Pasadena, San Francisco, and Death Valley while on vacation.

*- Elaine Stewart & Bob Brown*

**WEST SECTION -**

We must apologize to the readers of our column for not being able to write last month. The reason is simple. We ask for news items and get only excuses. It is the opinion of my co-reporter, SANTO, and myself, that this magazine is a part of the company that really keeps us informed. So, please, let's all stay in touch and tell us the news. Now for the past and present news...Our Christmas party was a smash and a bust. The folks ate all the food in a matter of two hours. Thanks to Mrs. SICILIANO for making her delicious "Sloppy Joes" (I got none of that), and a special warm thanks to Mrs. J. HOOD, who stayed up late at night to fix corn bread for the soul brothers. Santo and I served and we didn't stop until all the food was gone. And that, let me tell you, was the fastest party I've ever seen. We would appreciate it if all donations could be in early this coming Christmas...Our belated sympathy is extended to the family of Clerk E. DUFFY, formerly of Lake Street, on his

passing...Congratulations to SHIRLEY and GEORGE SMITH, motorman, Lake Street, on the arrival of a baby boy, BRIAN, to the family circle...Motorman J. HOLAKOVSKY took his retirement on January 1 after 41 years of service. We all will miss you, Murphy...Back off the sick list is Foot Collector S. KAULES, Conductor W. RAFA, and Ticket Agent L. DREWS. Stay well, kids...On the sick list is Conductor G. WOODMORE. His wife, ALBERTA (Florence Nightingale), says she will make sure he is well this time. Also on the list is Switchman J. BOYLAN. Our condolences to the family of Motorman F. GARRITY who passed away... Birthday greetings to these older people: I. HOUSTON, M. MARSHALL, H. YOUNG, J. LONGO, C. McGINNIS, H. ALEXANDER, T. McCORMACK, J. CLEMENS, M. HARRIS, A. OLSANSKY, W. HUBBARD, E. WOODARD, A. FILIP, K. SMALLING, F. BIGGS, A. NELSON, and little old me...By the way, ALLEN NELSON was married on January 9, but I can't catch up with him for the details. So, congratulations to the couple, anyhow. He must have a lovely bride, for as soon as work is done, he's gone. Please send us a snapshot...Yard Foreman E. DOMAIN is the proud grandfather of a bouncing baby boy. Congratulations are also in order for Pensioner E. KAIN who became a great-grandfather when his granddaughter gave birth to a baby girl. Ed also tells us of his bad luck when he fell out of a grapefruit tree. That warm Florida sun will help heal it, Ed. He also informed us that another pensioner, EARL JOHNSON, passed away. Our sympathy to his wife...Conductor B. ROLAND is added to our sick list. Here's wishing for a fast recovery real soon, Roland. . . Switchman BOB NEIGHBORS was helping to bring in the new year when he started pondering whether he was getting older or younger. He decided younger. He later put on a baby's diaper to prove it...Motorman E. PASCHAL said that he had left the laundromat and was getting into his car when he hit his eye. Next, it's black, or blue, if you're colored. Sorry about the eye, Paschal, but no one believes that story. I think it did happen, gang...A note to my co-reporter, SANTO: I have been told from the horse's mouth that J. GORDON is about to tie the knot, so let's get out the tuxedos. I've been hard at work playing cupid for the happy pair...Motorman V. MORRIS got on a train with me, and I asked him if he wanted my paper. He said no, but later accepted it. When he looked at the social security number list, he saw his number. He couldn't find his social security card fast enough. Congratulations, Vernon, but I still haven't received my 20¢ for the paper and the phone call home to tell the family...The new flagman you see on the line is moneybags, M. DERDEN. Welcome to the club...Switchman E. STANISZEWSKI is now our number one switchman. But with him walking around like Walter Brennan, I don't see how. Ed, please, just the voice, not the walk; some of the guys are jealous...Switchman F. MEAD has been promoted to yard foreman. Congratulations, Fred...I still can't get a whisper out of Supervisor BLAIR. He is still content, whatever that means. ..Conductors R. BLYTH, M. PFEIFFER, and H. PROSSER are now at Jefferson Park and send their hellos to all the gang...C. GUZIK, formerly of Lake Street, says he is happy on his new line. It's only ten minutes from work, but misses Lake Street for getting papers...I also ran into Motorman M. ADAMS whose hair is getting grayer. He says he wants to look more mature than these young whippersnappers. Lies, lies! He's getting old...I still would take odds on J. MILAN, who still looks like a heavyweight champ...My partner in crime, Santo, spent a week of his vacation at home. He had a birthday, and to make sure that he was in the best of health, his wife took him in for an examination, which was ok. His son is now almost 19 years old, and he still won't tell me his age. He's still wearing that back strap to carry his changer. At least that's what he says, but his is the oldest one. How long have you had that thing, Santo? Happy birthday, buddy...Our former number one switchman, J. CIMMERER, and his lovely wife spent a weekend driving up in Wisconsin. John says his wife really loves the cheese they sell up there. She must have had a big mousetrap to catch big John...Towerman E. FARMER enjoys coming to work. Since he and his family recently purchased a new home, he feels that he is working for something in life...Folks, this is it for now. Please don't forget those news items and photos. Bye now.

*- Santo Siciliano & Lou Payne*

**52ND STREET -**

Well, fellows, here we are again, one month into the new year, and I might add, we sort of slipped a bit in our accident program. So printed here is a pattern of 1970 which kept our superintendents "coffee broke", and maybe our credit union might add some rolls. Hint, hint, hint. In 1970, 52nd Street had 199 less complaints than in 1969, and 38 more commendations in 1970 than we had in 1969. In recognition of improving our image to this extent, we received coffee "on the house" for the seventh consecutive month. Only one other station has accomplished this in the past year. A list of the men who are responsible for this achievement is posted in the trainroom each month, and all of us can qualify by just doing a good job. On September 30, the end of the third quarter of 1970, we were in 11th place among the 12 surface stations. In October, we started our climb with a reduction of 13 accidents in that month. In November we cut it another 8, and December was the clincher when we were only 7½ points from a perfect score of 75 in the 4th quarter of the ISC awards for 1970. This took us from the bottom to the top in 90 days because we set up a competition that no other station could match. It has been three years since 52nd Street has won recognition for what it can do if each man puts forth a little effort. So let's stay in the competition as defending champions. Superintendents LYNCH, COLEMAN, and VITEK congratulate and thank each of us, along with the instructors and repairmen, for bringing this award to 52nd Street and encourage us to give it a permanent home here...Operator LAFAYETTE GARMONY is walking around as proud as a peacock. He received the news that his daughter, Mrs. DENNIS NORDMOL, of Detroit, Michigan, made him a grandfather on December 20 when she gave birth to an 8 pound baby girl...If any of you fellows are in doubt about your holiday pay, see Operator BOB BURNS. If my recommendation is not enough, check with Operators LAFAYETTE GARMONY or SHELBY LESTER. Between the two, they had to buy lunch for a whole week...A welcome back to Operator W. PETERSON who was off for two months with a leg injury, and to Repairman GREG ROLLBERG who was off for four months...At this writing, we're all looking forward to a speedy return of Repairmen NATE ELLIS, SOL BATTLES, and JAMES NAUDEN who are on the sick list... Repair Clerk D. GARNER was awarded $25 for a suggestion. He says, "It's all gone", when asked for a cup of coffee. Also, his wife is home from the hospital and cards can be sent to her at 8229 Ingleside, Chicago 60619. Here's wishing you a speedy recovery, Mrs. Garner...Our deepest sympathy is extended to Operator FRANK NICHOLS on the loss of his grandmother, Mrs. RACHEL MOORE, of New-

ton, Mississippi. . . Did you miss Chief Clerk ARNOLD HILLSTROM during the Christmas holidays? Well, I just found out that he was one of those choice few on vacation. How about that!

*- John L. Hudson*

**69TH STREET -**

Superintendent CARL W. GIBES wishes to congratulate all the men for their admirable performance in 1970. We beat our best year, 1965, by 100 accidents. We also beat our commendation par during 1970 for five consecutive months. He asks us to prove that 1970 was not a fluke; with cautious and considerate driving, we can do it again in 1971. Incidentally, Mr. Gibes' son, RONALD C. GIBES, was recently promoted to captain and is assigned to Fort Rucker Army School of Aviation as an army flight examiner. Ronald entered the army in 1960, has served in Viet Nam, and holds the army commendation medal and the air medal. We would also like to extend our deepest sympathy to Superintendent Gibes and his family on the loss of his father, WALTER GIBES, who passed away recently...We also extend sincere condolences to Instructor FULLER whose brother, FRED FULLER, passed away; to JOE TROTTER on the death of his brother, and to M. DAVIS on the loss of his mother...The wife of S. CHATLOS is ill and we wish her a speedy return to good health...S. SCELLATO recently returned from Seattle, Washington, where he visited a sick brother. Scellato likes it out there, and plans to return on his vacation...BILL DONAHUE fell and broke his leg. He will be up and around sooner than you think, because you can't keep a good man down...Pensioner G. GRINDLER was on my bus recently and looks great. He has been retired nine years and spends his time fishing and shooting at long-gone deer and rabbit tails...J. DAVIDSON celebrated his 41st wedding anniversary with a big bang. Things got so hot that he found the fire department putting out a fire in the big Buick that he drives. Joe wants to know if anyone knows the whereabouts of HARRY COX of Lawndale?..J. J. KELLEY and PETE SPOO vacationed in Florida during the month of January and really enjoyed themselves...Did Clerk CARSON show you his new kits for bus drivers? He should see SWANSON on transfer instruction...J. DENNESAITES came to work on his anniversary day just for a free look at the daily papers to check out his social security number...TONY VANDERBERG's son was home for the Christmas holidays...ROY HORNING sent a check to the Mission on State street for the coffee some of the fellows have been soaking up...I have a new neighbor here in Worth. He is Supervisor JIM STANTON, formerly of Cottage Grove...GENE HOWE is now up and around and can't wait until he can return to work...To all of you on the sick list, we wish you a speedy return to good health...I saw R. CAULEY, and he has fully recovered after being shot during a holdup...WILLIE WILLIAMS said that our bowling team has slipped badly during the last half of the season, but don't count them out...I hope that Sarge will keep our softball team on top now that the season is almost here...JIMMY AHERN of the Repair Department, as well as all the rest of us at 69th, wish to extend our sincere sympathy to the families of BRUNO BILEK on the loss of his mother, and to TEDDIE NIEZABITOWSKI on the loss of his mother-in-law...The annual credit union meeting was held recently with about 120 members attending. All the officers were re-elected, with RAY HAMMERSCHMIDT elected to the board of directors for three years, JIMMY AHERN to the credit union committee for three years, and TOM COOK to the credit union committee to fill a one-year unexpired term. Some of the fellows who won door prizes were RAY HAMMERSCHMIDT, ED TIERNEY, and BILL DONAHUE...VINCE ONDRIAS and MIKE DWYER spent their vacation in sunny Florida fishing and swimming...JIM BYRNE, assistant day foreman, traveled to Ireland to see his mother who is seriously ill... Congratulations to all the men in the shop for a job well done during the recent cold spell. Most of the operators stated that the buses were much warmer this year. God bless you, and let's have another good year.

*- Arthur P. Buesing*

**77TH STREET -**

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the bus operators in the system for making 1970 the safest year in CTA history. Quite a job, fellows! I am especially proud of the fellows here at 77th Street. We beat our accident par three times during the year. With the ice and snow, it makes our job a little more tedious in getting off to a good start in 1971. We are hoping for even a safer year. We can do it!..The Credit Union held its annual meeting on Saturday, January 23, at the Foster Park fieldhouse...Our old buddy, GENE KENNARD, is in Augustana hospital where he has undergone back surgery. Operator V. JONES tells me that Kennard had a "double street" and couldn't handle it. How about it, Gene?..Operator ODELL DUFFIN has returned to work after being off ill a few days. ..Operator ARTHUR JACKSON is on the sick book. It seems that Arthur had a "little battle" with the ice, and came out second best...Instructor WILLIAM WHITENHILL has returned from a winter vacation. Only the rich can take a vacation during the Christmas season!..Instructor J. C. WHITE has acquired a vicious German shepherd as added protection in his household. Seems he doesn't have much "voice" around the house. How about it, J.C.?..Operator L. C. COLLINS missed his regular run the other day, so he was given a run on Halsted street. I wonder if he ever found Broadway?..Operator E. T. POPE's little lady surprised him with a birthday party. We understand that a good time was had by all...A very happy birthday to the following operators: S. GRAHAM, C. JUNKINS, T. W. BANKS, A. CHRISTIAN, J. HOUSTON, R. BROWN, L. HARRIS, M. W. HENDERSON, E. GIPSON Jr., B. FREEMAN, C. DAVIS, R. TAYLOR, E. COOPER, N. LEE Jr., J. H. JOHNSON, C. L. BURNS, I. WILLIAMS, N. TUCKER, D. FIGGERS, G. WHITSETT, J. H. ROBERSON, J. R. DeGROAT, H. C. BORGMAN, W. L. CHERRY, C. L. LINDSEY, A. McKEIVER, J. M. MORRIS Jr., B. McKEEL, M. FREEMAN, C. D. TYLER, C. W. SCHOENBRAU, S. D. CAREY, A. T. SPILLMAN, O. W. BENSON, E. W. KNIAZ, W. G. RICHARDS, J. DWORTZ, A. A. PAYLIK, E. MITCHELL, R. WILSON, C. L. BROWN, D. C. KIMMONS, J. D. TURNER, T. L. SMITH, M. L. GUICE, J. RANDOLPH, R. E. HODGES, A. W. BOHANON, J. W. BURKS Jr., N. KOCHOPOLUS, and J. W. SPARKS. I hope we haven't omitted any names...Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Operator L. LUMPKIN and his family on the loss of his brother, TOMMIE WILSON, recently...Sincere condolences to the FARRIS family in the loss of their loved one, former 77th Street Superintendent JOHN FARRIS...I would like to close with this little thought--a dog may be man's best friend, but money sure helps. I'll see you next month.

*- Elcosie Gresham*

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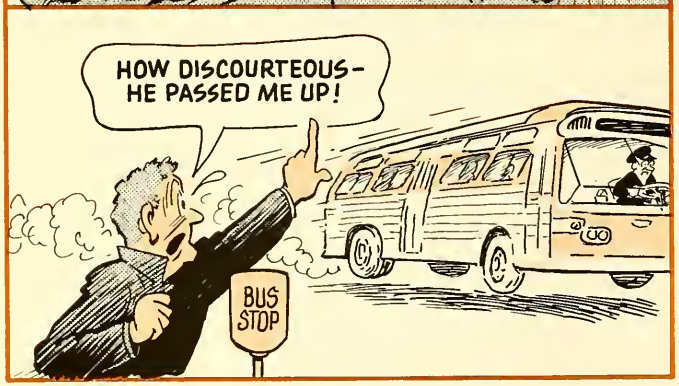


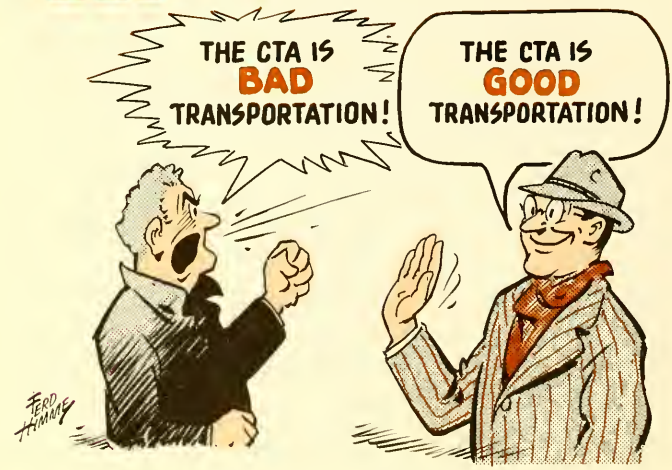


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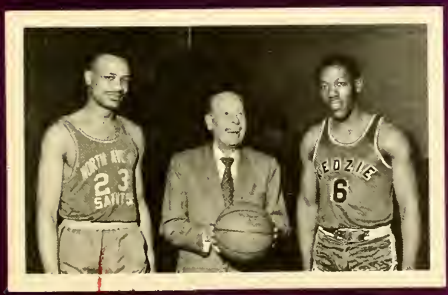


# G. L. DeMENT, TRANSIT BOARD CHAIRMAN, TAKEN BY DEATH AT 67

GEORGE L. DeMENT, 67, Chairman of Chicago Transit Board and an outstanding engineer, public official and civic leader died of a heart attack Saturday, March 13, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Mr. DeMent, who lived at 6551 Ponchartrain boulevard, Chicago, was stricken in his room at the Tropicana hotel at 1:25 a.m. He was taken to Sunrise hospital by a private ambulance summoned by his wife, Gussie, and died there at 2:05 a.m. Mr. DeMent, who had been Chairman of CTA Board since 1963, had been in Las Vegas to attend an executive board meeting of the American Transit Association of which he had been president since September 21, 1970.

In addition to his duties as president of the ATA, headquartered in Washington, Mr. DeMent was a member of the National Society of Engineers, the Illinois Society of Engineers and the American Public Works Association.

He also was a past president of the Institute for Rapid Transit, a director of the Benefit Trust Life Insurance company, director of the Park National Bank of Chicago, a member of the Chicago Plan Commission, a member of the Board of the Chicago Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, a board member of the Masonic Center, board member of the Merchants and Manufacturers Club, board member of McCormick Theological Seminary, and past president of Medinah Country Club.

Mr. DeMent had a long and illustrious career as an engineer, as a public official and as a civic leader. Prior to his appointment to the CTA Board by Chicago's Mayor Richard J. Daley in April, 1963, Mr. DeMent had served for nine years as commissioner of public works for the City of Chicago. In 1927 he began his engineering career with the Metropolitan Sanitary District. Twelve years later, he, along with other engineers, was drafted by the city to plan and build Chicago's initial subway system. He was the resident engineer on a section of the initial system and later became assistant to the commissioner of subways and superhighways.

He advanced to commissioner of public works in 1954 and was instrumental in planning the Congress rapid transit line in the median of the Eisenhower expressway and the construction of other expressways in the Chicago area. He also directed construction of O'Hare International Airport and the central district filtration plant.

During the years that Mr. DeMent was Chairman of the Chicago Transit Board he led CTA through many critical and difficult periods and was instrumental in expanding much of Chicago's system of public transportation, including the Dan Ryan, Kennedy, Skokie Swift, and Englewood rapid transit extensions.

In addition to the rapid transit extensions, during his term as CTA Chairman air-conditioned rapid transit cars were first used in Chicago, downtown shuttle bus service was expanded to and from the railraod stations, O'harexpress bus service was inaugurated, and a new bus monitoring system was placed in effect.

Under his leadership and guidance, CTA continued to modernize its equipment and service establishing a record of modernization of transit unequalled in the history of transit in Chicago.

Because of his national reputation in the transit industry, Mr. DeMent was frequently called to Washington to testify before the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives in support of legislation for federal financial aid to mass transit. His strenuous efforts in support of legislation culminated last October when President Nixon signed into law a bill authorizing a commitment of 3.1 billion dollars in federal aid to transit over the next five years. Mr. DeMent attended the signing ceremony in the White House at the invitation of President Nixon.

On March 2, 1971, Mr. DeMent had been appointed by U.S. Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe to the Transportation Advisory Council on Urban Transportation.

Mr. DeMent was a native Chicagoan and was born on February 8, 1904. He attended Chicago public schools and was graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in civil engineering. He was first appointed to the Chicago Transit Board on April 29, 1963, and was reappointed for an additional seven-year term in July of 1966.

Funeral services for Mr. DeMent were held March 17 at the Park Ridge Presbyterian church, 207 S. Lincoln in Park Ridge.

Mr. DeMent is survived by his widow, Gussie; a daughter, Joan, and a brother, Clayton.

**THE FUNERAL** cortege, led by the Reverend John A. Bellingham, is shown passing the rows of honorary pallbearers in front of the Park Ridge Presbyterian church. Pallbearers included close friends and business associates of Mr. DeMent. Among the honorary pallbearers were his fellow Transit Board members, public and transit officials from throughout the United States, civic leaders, labor and business representatives, and personal acquaintances.

*OUR COVER includes photographs of George L. DeMent taken during his tenure of office as Chairman of Chicago Transit Board. Descriptions of the candid pictures, from top to bottom, follow:*

- *Taking the oath of office on June 24, 1963, with Mayor Richard J. Daley officiating.*
- *At his desk, making a point during a discussion.*
- *Before the news media--as he often was. Shown in 1969 with Division 241 President Warren Schall of the Amalgamated Transit Union.*
- *Throwing the first ball at the CTA-ATU basketball championship in 1970. With team captains Wade Simmons and Leon Harris.*
- *Witnessing the signing of the Urban Mass Transportation Assistance Act of 1970 by President Richard M. Nixon; standing beside U.S. Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe.*

# paying their last respects . . .

Mayor Richard J. Daley (right) and Patrick O'Malley, chairman of Canteen corporation.

U.S. Representative Daniel D. Rostenkowski (D. 8th) and General Manager Thomas B. O'Connor.

Louis J. Gambaccini, vice president and general manager of Port Authority Trans-Hudson corporation (New York), and Richard T. Buck, director of Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (Boston).

William B. Hurd, assistant administrator, and Carlos Villarreal, administrator, U.S. Department of Transportation Urban Mass Transportation Administration (Washington, D.C.).

Jack Flynn (left) and Robert T. Sloan (right), special counsel and executive vice president, respectively, of the American Transit Association, and Dee V. Jacobs (center), congressional Urban Mass Transportation Administration liaison (Washington, D.C.)

# G. Triunfol, G. T. May Take Pensions

TRANSIT CAREERS of two CTAers, one who started with the Chicago Motor Coach and one who started with Chicago Surface Lines, came to a close with their retirements March 1. With more than 43 years of service George Triunfol retired as chief accountant and with almost 37 years of service George T. May retired as Limits Station superintendent.

Mr. Triunfol entered the service of the Motor Coach as a voucher clerk on June 8, 1927, and became a bookkeeper in September, 1935. Although his entire career was actually spent within the Accounting Department of CTA and its predecessor, during the World War II manpower and material shortage he worked after hours as a bus tire inspector and washing buses. After the purchase of the Boulevard System by CTA, Mr. Triunfol became an accountant in June, 1953, senior accountant in January, 1960, and finally chief accountant in October, 1970.

Mr. May joined the CSL as a streetcar conductor on March 6, 1934, serving first at Limits Station. He subsequently became a bus operator at North Avenue Station in 1936, an instructor at Devon Station in 1941, a District C supervisor in 1945, senior instructor in 1946, supervising instructor of the training center in 1952, relief superintendent of North Avenue Station in 1956, and assistant superintendent at North Avenue in 1957. He was named station superintendent at Limits in December, 1964, the position which he has held until the time of his retirement.

Both new retirees were joined by their many friends and co-workers at festivities celebrating their retirement. In the picture at left, Mr. Triunfol is accepting his retirement portfolio from Manager of Finance P. J. Meinardi. In the picture at right, Mr. May is holding a memento of the occasion which he received from Superintendent of Transportation D. M. Flynn.

# New Appointments

APPOINTED TO new positions recently were 13 employes in four CTA departments: Shops & Equipment, Transportation, Accounting, and Engineering.

Effective March 14, J. Bolech Jr. was appointed superintendent of rapid transit shops and terminals, succeeding H. G. Doering who passed away on February 24. Mr. Bolech had been superintendent of surface shops since January, 1968.

J. Bolech Jr.

Also appointed to new posts effective March 14 were J. A. Rosendhal who became superintendent of surface shops, and E. W. Larsen who became superintendent of Material Control and Office Procedure. The three appointments were made by Superintendent of Shops and Equipment G. J. Clark and approved by General Manager T. B. O'Connor.

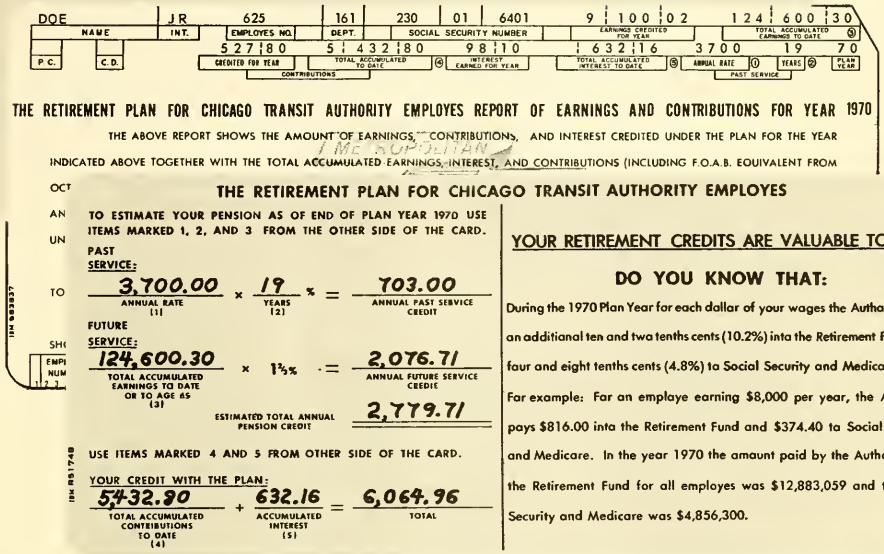
Taking new positions at surface system garages effective February 28 were P. O'Connor, night foreman at Limits Garage; D. Berge, assistant day foreman at Kedzie Garage; E. Porter, p.m. foreman at Kedzie Garage, and C. Jones, relief foreman at North Avenue Garage. The appointments were made by Superintendent of Garages J. W. Dain and approved by Superintendent of Surface System Shops and Garages J. J. Repplinger and Superintendent of Shops and Equipment G. J. Clark.

New appointments affecting supervisory personnel at surface system operating stations were announced in a bulletin which became effective March 1. Named to new posts were G. D. Peyton, Archer Station superintendent; W. A. Schweitzer, 77th Street assistant station superintendent (p.m.); F. E. Zeiger, 69th & 77th Street relief station superintendent, and E. R. Swanson, 69th Street senior station instructor. The appointments were made by Superintendent of Transportation D. M. Flynn and approved by Operating Manager C. E. Keiser.

The appointment of B. P. Kane as chief accountant in the General Accounting Department effective March 1 was made by General Accountant W. B. Folta and approved by Manager of Finance P. J. Meinardi.

W. W. Haskins was appointed assistant steamfitter foreman in the Engineering Department effective March 7. His appointment was made by Superintendent of Buildings & Construction G. Millonas and approved by General Superintendent of Engineering E. E. Olmstead.

# 285 Pension Applications Approved in 1970



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THE RETIREMENT PLAN FOR CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY EMPLOYES REPORT OF EARNINGS AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR YEAR 1970

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3,700.00 (ANNUAL RATE (1)) × 19 (YEARS (2)) % = 703.00 (ANNUAL PAST SERVICE CREDIT)

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YOUR RETIREMENT CREDITS ARE VALUABLE TO YOU

DO YOU KNOW THAT:

During the 1970 Plan Year for each dollar of your wages the Authority paid an additional ten and two tenths cents (10.2%) into the Retirement Fund and four and eight tenths cents (4.8%) to Social Security and Medicare.

For example: For an employe earning $8,000 per year, the Authority pays $816.00 into the Retirement Fund and $374.40 to Social Security and Medicare. In the year 1970 the amount paid by the Authority into the Retirement Fund for all employes was $12,883,059 and to Social Security and Medicare was $4,856,300.

RETIREMENT PLAN report cards showing each employe's credit in the Plan as of December 31, 1970, will be distributed system-wide between March 31 and April 8, according to W. A. Ashley, Plan secretary.

The cards may be used to estimate retirement benefits and total credit with the Plan as of the last payday of 1970, as was done in the facsimile above. Employes are advised to retain the cards for ready reference.

Mr. Ashley also announced that during 1970 approval was given by the Retirement Committee to 285 retirement applications of CTA employes. Of that total, 134 applicants had reached the normal retirement age of 65 years, 100 were early retirements in the age group under 65, and 51 were disability retirements.

Contributions to the Retirement Plan during 1970 totaled $20,088,721--contributions by employes were $7,285,416, and CTA contributions amounted to $12,803,305. Approved during the year were disbursements totaling $11,446,566 covering payments to retired employes, refunds to employes who terminated their services and to deceased employes' beneficiaries, and expenses of administration.

During 1970 assets of the fund increased $12,630,786, making a total of $82,692,726 as of December 31 held by the Continental Illinois Bank and Trust Company, trustee for the Plan.

These funds held by the trustee are invested in U.S. government securities, Farm Home Administration loans, corporate bonds and notes, common stock, and CTA revenue bonds.


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# Medically Speaking

## by Dr. George H. Irwin

*Having departed from New York on February 13, Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Irwin are now enjoying a 12-week world cruise. Dr. Irwin will continue writing his column while on vacation, giving Transit News readers the benefit of his experiences.*

THERE ARE many interesting observations, medical and non-medical on a world cruise. Our home boat is the S.S. Rotterdam, flagship of the Holland-America line. It accommodates about 1,000 passengers.

Ports of call are in Trinidad, Brazil, South Africa, Kenya, India, Singapore, Thailand, Burma, Hong Kong, Formosa, Japan, Hawaii, Mexico, and Panama. In certain countries several different cities are visited, mostly by air travel, but a few by train and automobile. Our route takes us back and forth across the equator and we are enjoying beautiful warm and sunny weather while Chicagoans shiver in an unusually cold and stormy winter. Right now (February) we are enjoying summer weather.

For many people, when South America, Africa, and India are mentioned, it means mostly wild life and primitive living. It is true that in Africa much is being done to preserve wild life. The primitive life is revealed by a visit to one of the many small African villages, consisting of a group of small thatched huts covering a few acres of land. The chief, or husband, is in charge and he lives here with three or more wives and all of his children. After the first wife has born a child, she is qualified to train the second and third wives. The wives live in their respective huts near the chief's. The husband delivers all of his own children in the hut. An animal hide is laid directly over the ground for delivery purposes. The afterbirth is buried in the ground outside the hut. This is one example of primitive living in Africa.

On the other hand, the larger cities in South Africa, such as Capetown, Johannesburg, Durban, Nairobi, Salisbury, and Pretoria, are very modern. By that I mean they have many high-rise buildings, heavy traffic on four-lane expressways, modern stores, hotels, public parks, and hospitals.

A visit to the Groote Schuur hospital in Capetown was made. This is a large 2,000-plus bed hospital and is where Dr. Christiaan Barnard performed the first heart transplant.

From Capetown we flew to Johannesburg, the largest city in South Africa, which is much like our American cities and has a population of 1,500,000. In this area 80 per cent of the world's gold and most of the diamonds are mined. Public transportation is mostly by bus and suburban trains. Many of the buses operate by trolley and the remainder by diesel engines. Incidentally, right now the papers are publishing daily articles concerning the second and third price increase in petrol (gas) in the past few months. The crime rate in Johannesburg is reportedly higher than in any other city in the world. It also seems that labor problems and inflation are common in Africa.

I visited the health department in Johannesburg to study a report which includes the white and non-white population in this area. I mention this because the disease incidence and death rate among non-whites is higher than among whites.

As an example, the rate of deaths caused by infective and parasitic diseases is 12 times greater among non-whites than among whites. In general, the same race variation exists in heart disease, cancer, respiratory, digestive and genito-urinary diseases.

Despite common use of "the pill", the birth rate in this area for all races is 27.98 per cent of the population; 31.32 per cent of these births are illegitimate. The infantile mortality rate is 69.23 per cent.

In spite of the widespread increase in immunizations, 1970 has been one of the worst years for cholera. Immunization against preventable infectious diseases is made available free of charge. These include poliomyelitis, smallpox, diphtheria, pertussis, and tetanus. According to the report, progress is being made slowly, but there is much to be desired. Tuberculosis is still the city's biggest problem even though they have mobile X-ray units and advise yearly chest X-rays. Bilharzia, a parasitic disease which attacks the liver and kidneys producing listlessness and stupor, is very common in East Africa; ninety per cent occurs in the non-whites. Venereal disease is also increasing in all races.

The report emphasizes that efforts are being made to promote better family health planning and clinics for pediatric, venereal disease, tuberculosis, parasitic diseases, and air-pollution control.

In conclusion, it seems apparent that both the United States and Africa have health problems. However, it seems that the environmental and primitive factors in living in Africa make the health problems more serious.

# Garage Clerk Training Program Completed by 5 CTAers

HAVING COMPLETED the Shops and Equipment Department combination clerk training program on February 10, five CTAers have been assigned to new positions in that capacity at surface system garages, including Anthony Borcic, 69th Street Garage; Gay Jenkins, 77th Street Garage; Donnelly Miles, Beverly and 52nd Street Garages; Clarence Schultz, Archer Garage, and Vincent Scurti, North Avenue Garage.

The training program, which was developed by the S&E Department in cooperation with the Employment & Training Department, was conducted by Robert Kurtz, supervisor of clerks, and Thomas Smith, clerk instructor. The trainees attended classes on their own time on five consecutive Wednesdays.

Graduates of the program, pictured above with S&E Department supervisory personnel and others involved in the program, are, from left: Donnelly Miles; Gay Jenkins; Clarence Schultz; G. J. Clark, superintendent of shops and equipment; J. J. Replinger, superintendent of surface system shops and garages; Vincent Scurti; Thomas Smith, instructor; Anthony Borcic; Robert Kurtz, supervisor of clerks; J. A. Rosendhal, superintendent of surface system shops, and Joseph R. O'Sullivan, Employment & Training Department training assistant.

# H. G. Doering, Rapid Transit Shops Head, Dies at 54

FRIENDS AND fellow employes who had worked with Heinz G. Doering were shocked to learn of his passing on February 24. At the time of his death, Mr. Doering had served in the transit industry for 34 years and held the post of superintendent of rapid transit shops and terminals.

Born on December 25, 1916, in Freiburg, Germany, Mr. Doering came to America in 1921 at the age of five. His father, the late William A. Doering, joined the Shop Department of the Surface Lines in May, 1927, and served as a car repairman at 77th Street until his retirement in May, 1954.

Following in his father's footsteps, Heinz Doering came to CSL at the age of 19 on September 25, 1936. Starting as a coil maker at South Shops, he advanced to carpenter helper, booth clerk, pattern service man, and truck repairman & bench molder leader. Mr. Doering transferred to West Shops as a development engineer in February, 1946. In 1948, he completed night school courses which he had been taking for four years and was graduated with honors from Chicago Technical college. He was appointed general foreman of West Shops in July, 1953.

Leaving the surface system shops after almost 27 years, Mr. Doering became general foreman of Skokie Shops during July, 1963. After serving as assistant superintendent since July, 1965, he was named superintendent of rapid transit shops and terminals on October 1, 1970.

Survivors include his widow, Luise; a son, William; his mother, Emma, and a brother, Erich. William joined CTA after four years in the U.S. Air Force and is presently assigned to the Reproduction Services Department.

Services for Mr. Doering were held at the Glaser's Riverside Chapel, 2944 S. Harlem avenue, Riverside, on Friday, February 26.

# THE INSIDE NEWS

## AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**ACCOUNTING (General) -**

We wish to extend our sympathy and condolences to JAMES TOUHY and his family on the passing of his father, TIMOTHY TOUHY, on February 3. Burial was in All Saints cemetery...BEATRICE FRANKE's mother-in-law, Mrs. AGNES FRANKE, passed away on February 5. We send our condolences to the family...ANN ANGST traveled to St. Petersburg, Florida, to visit her sister and brother-in-law. She enjoyed being with her family while staying in the Florida sunshine...PHYLLIS WHITE traveled to Odessa, Texas, to visit JUDY STEVENS, a former employe of the Insurance Department, and her family. She enjoyed the sun and warm weather...A most enjoyable vacation was had by PAT WALLACE when she spent ten days in Acapulco swimming, sunning, shopping, eating, and sightseeing. While there she saw bullfights, the cliff divers and, believe it or not, the flying Indians. The highlight of this trip was the hour flight she took to a place called Zihuatanejo. This is a very undeveloped and primitive part of Mexico. She was able to see the people live and work in their own natural surroundings. The tourists are very few, but the natives were very friendly. The poverty is very obvious, but the beauty of the white sandy beaches and the crystal clear water makes it an ideal vacation spot for rest and relaxation. Pat hopes that someday she will return and find it just as primitive, beautiful, and tranquil as she left it...GEORGE TRIUNFOL, chief accountant, retired on March 1 after 44 years of service with the Chicago Motor Coach and CTA. There was an open house on Friday, February 26, and many came to wish George success and happiness in his retirement years. His wife, ELIZABETH, and their family were present. Also present were Pensioners A. J. FITZSIMONS and L. J. FRANCOEUR, former general accountants, R. E. BAXTER, former budget accountant, J. J. GEARY, G. L. PELLICORE, and MABLE POTTHAST.

*- Jeanne Fitzgerald*

**(Tabulating) -**

Our deepest sympathy is extended to PAT SCHOENBAUM and her family in the loss of her uncle, OTTO McCLOSKEY, who passed away on February 17. We also extend our sympathy and condolences to PAULINE TORREY and her family in the loss of her mother, Mrs. JOSEPHINE TOMASZEWSKI, on February 26. Interment was in Maryhill cemetery.

*- Evelyn Leu*

**(Payroll) -**

We extend our deepest sympathy to ESTHER ANDERSON upon the loss of her brother, NELS ANDERSON, who passed away February 2...In order to get away from Chicago's wintry weather for a few weeks, CHRISTINE CAMERON took a flying trip to Los Angeles and San Francisco, California, and enjoyed a visit with friends and relatives. She reported that the weather was beautiful and the casual California living was really something else. We don't know what Chris, our "mighty mite", did to the City of Los Angeles, but we do know she returned several days before the earthquake occurred and also know she had nothing to do with it. And that is the truth!..We thank Mr. MAILUCK for giving the Transit News such a graphic start of our tour of the South Pacific. It was most interesting to be in the southern hemisphere and see such lush tropical foliage, flowers, birds, and animals indigenous to that area. Our first stop was in Fiji, and although we saw only a small portion of the island we were impressed by its tropical beauty, blue lagoons, and coral reef. RICHARD GOLDSTEIN, Schedule Department, and his wife, who were en route to New Zealand, stopped at the Fijian hotel at the same time we were there. So having dinner with friends from Chicago, while so far from home, was indeed a pleasure. Next on our agenda was Australia, where we visited Sydney--its largest city and the busiest port in the South Pacific--and Canberra--the capital which dates back only to 1913 and features the Parliament house, Australian War Memorial and Museum, National university, Academy of Science, Institute of Anatomy, National library, and Tidbinbilla Deep Space Station, one of the most advanced space tracking stations in the world. In Melbourne we enjoyed a trip to the Healesville sanctuary for a closeup view of the koalas, kangaroos, platypus, birds, and foliage of the area. We found New Zealand to be a temperate, peaceful, and sunny land. At a sheep station we saw dogs "round-up" herds of sheep and cattle. At the elegant Hermitage lodge at Mt. Cook we were surrounded by huge impressive mountains, and although the season was summer, the peaks were still snow-covered. A bus trip up the mountain to the Tasmin Glacier was exciting and rugged but the view was rewarding. We also visited Wellington--the capital of New Zealand--Queenstown, Rotorua, and on the way to Aukland we stopped at the unique Glow-worm Grotto in the Waitomo caves, where thousands of glow-worms make the dark, quiet cave appear like a fairyland which absolutely charms all who see it. An overnight flight took us to Papeete, Tahiti, where we were greeted with the traditional flower lei. This enchanting island immortalized in story and song is truly a tropical paradise. The parting gift of a shell lei will ever remind us of our most enjoyable tour of the South Pacific.

*- Clara Lawrence*

ANYONE FOR venison? Superintendent of Operations RALPH W. TRACY went hunting with friends and relatives in Exeland, Wisconsin, where he bagged a six-point buck that took him three days to track. How's that for perseverance and good shooting.

**BEVERLY -**

Chief Clerk CHARLES KARSCHNIK was feted at a retirement party at the Beverly House which was attended by 34 of his friends and co-workers. Charles retired on February 1 after more than 50 years of service. We at Beverly wish him a most happy and healthy pensioned life. Congratulations to MARTIN GRADY who is now our chief clerk...Glad to see Clerk JOHN KIRBY on the day shift. We wonder who gave him those strawberry shirts... Former Operator R. STEPHENS is now on the clerk's staff...Beverly did it again in January--breaking our commendation and complaint par, so the coffee was on the house. Let's try for the rolls, fellows, and keep up the good work...We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Pensioner FRANK CHARD who passed away; to the family of Pensioner CHARLES BERRYHILL, and to Pensioner PETE FLAHERTY on the loss of his mother-in-law.

*- Tom Daniels & Amos Foster*

**CONGRESS (Agents) -**

MARY NOLAN saved some of her vacation to assemble her spring wardrobe and Easter outfit...Our sympathy to the family of THOMAS FREEMAN on the loss of his beloved father, LAWRENCE FREEMAN. We also extend our sympathy to the family of Pensioner WALTER HARRIS who passed away...KATHERINE SAGRIS, the wife of PETER SAGRIS, returned from Greece where she spent the holidays with her parents who were delighted to see their two grandchildren, GEORGE and JAMES. The happy homecoming was soon filled with anxiety when baby James became ill and was hospitalized for a week. All is well, now. ..JOSEPH VANEK's bowling team is in second place, but their hopes are high...STANLEY BANALS and his wife, BERNICE, celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary at the Terrace in Lombard. One son and his family came from Cape Kennedy, Florida, another with his family arrived from Wassau, Wisconsin, and the third from Glen Ellyn. Their eight grandchildren made the gathering complete. The happy couple is going on their 44th honeymoon to Florida in June and will return after Labor day...Grandpa ART SIMS spent over a quarter of a century instructing young boys on how to be good scouts and campers. So what happens, the stork surprised him with a baby granddaughter. Art is a great big scout and is grinning from ear to ear with pride...MARTHA BLEERS is a grandmother again. She is busy making plans for a trip to Germany, and hopes she will get there before the stork arrives with another grandchild...Don't forget the Little Flower breakfast in March.

*- Julia Brousek*

**ELECTRICAL (Blue Island) -**

Well here we are again, putting the March issue together. For openers, we are happy to announce the arrival of RENNEE SANDRA ARONSON on February 10. The proud parents are TOBY and ALVIN ARONSON...This is a delayed news flash--ED SUPER became a grandfather for the first time on August 31 when his son, JAMES, and his wife, CYNTHIA, became the proud parents of a baby boy, JAMES Jr...JOHN FINLAY Sr. pinned second lieutenant bars on his son, JOHN Jr. Congratulations to both of you...Received a card from BARNEY JAUMAN who is vacationing in Tucson, Arizona. He is playing golf and soaking up the sun getting ready to take on Arnold Palmer...Our next big day to remember is April 30. This is the day set aside for our annual corned beef and cabbage dinner. This is our way of honoring all the new and past retired personnel. This year, the silver anniversary of this dinner, we are sure Mr. COYNE and his committee will have something special... Off sick and recuperating at home are: BILL KURTIN, BILL LOOS, JAMES MURPHY, R. PRIESBE, and CHARLES MULBRANDON...As this goes to press, I will be on my way to Tampa, Florida. In the meantime, load up my desk with news items...A happy retirement to JOSEPH HERMAN.

*- William Rehder*

**(General Office) -**

KATHY SZEWC took time off from her studies to become the bride of PAUL McGOWAN. The ceremony was performed on January 30 at St. John Brebeuf church in Niles, with a reception following at the Aqua Bella. After a short honeymoon, the couple returned to Illinois State university where they are completing their senior year. Kathy is the daughter of BERNADINE and TED SZEWC, signal design engineer. Best wishes for happiness to Kathy and Paul... MARIAN and MICHAEL RICKSON, administrative assistant, announced the engagement of their daughter, DONNA JEAN, to CHRISTOPHER L. SUREK. The wedding is set for August 15...Congratulations to SIGMUND DOBOSIEWICZ who was appointed superintendent of Construction and Maintenance. He succeeds CLARENCE MALOTTKE who retired on February 1...We extend our deepest sympathy to PATRICK DOYLE, signal foreman, on the loss of his mother who passed away on February 5.

*- Kay McAlister*

**ENGINEERING -**

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. ROY SMITH on the arrival of another baby boy, born on February 1 at Christ Community hospital. CRAIG ALLEN weighed in at 7 pounds 3 ounces and measured 20 inches. Congratulations again, mom and dad. Roy can now refer to his family as, "My Three Sons."..A warm welcome to KATHY MURRAY who entered the Real Estate Division as a temporary clerk-steno on February 8. Kathy replaced JOANNE BOETTIN

AT A PARTY given in his honor, JOHN F. McKENNA, training assistant II, is shown receiving a farewell gift from F. A. JOHNSON, superintendent of Training, Accident Studies and Employment, while his wife, RUTH, and E. L. HIRSCH, director of Training, look on. John retired on February 1 after 40 years of service.

who transferred to the Employment Department. Good luck and best wishes to both girls...Due to all of the attention given to RONALD HAWKINS last month, he has been very anxious for more news about himself. Here's hoping that whoever takes my place can manage to come up with enough information about Ron to make him happy. It seems that Governor Wallace, his number one dog, received a ticket for double parking outside of the Mart. He claims he just couldn't find any other place to park his Samoyed. Oh yes, mush is the word Ron uses--all the way to work...As this will be the last news letter I will write for the CTA, I wish to thank the Transit News staff for making me a welcome member of the team of reporters. I will be leaving CTA on February 19 to further my education in beautician school. Therefore, I bid farewell to all of my fellow employes and reporters. Best wishes and good luck to all of you!

**(West Shops) -**

The wife of Steamfitter JIM HURST had a baby girl recently, their second child. Congratulations, Jim! . . ED GALEK, Plant Equipment Maintenance Department, is at work recovering from a broken arm. Did you say at work recovering?..Condolences to the family of WILLIAM GILLIGAN who passed away recently. Bill was the assistant steamfitter foreman and all at West Shops feel his loss... ART MALMQUIST Jr., the son of ART MALMQUIST Sr., superintendent of the Track Department, has been in the navy for five months and has made quite an impression on his commanding officer. So much so, that he wrote a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Malmquist telling them how pleased he is with their son and how well he is progressing as a submariner. I only wish there was space enough to print the letter because it was so nice, but anyhow, Art Sr. doesn't want the letter out of his sight, and we can't blame you, Art...WEST SHOPS FLASH: What well-known gentleman in the office recently bought a ticket to a party and forgot to attend? Another gentleman who sits near this man says his initials are N.P.A., and he made it explicit that that doesn't mean No Parking Available. Huh?

*- Carol Bradac & Mary Gallon*

**FOREST GLEN -**

We welcome TOM SCHRODT back to Forest Glen. Tom worked with us for two summers as a temporary operator, and has returned to make CTA a lifetime occupation. His wife, BARBARA, is recuperating from recent surgery...Operator TRIG BERG just completed four years of wedded bliss. So what does Trig do? He takes his lovely wife, KAY, to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to sample all the brew. I understand they have nine grandchildren and would love to have more...Forest Glen has been getting a very fine repaint job. The painting is being done by three excellent young men, led by none other than RICH NELSON, a former Forest Glen operator. In fact, Rich is still an operator. I've observed him carrying his paint brush around our station with nothing on it, while his partners are very active. They are PAT WHITE and PAUL VERGES. All kidding aside, these three men did a topnotch job at our station... One young man who is really appreciative of our credit union is MITCHELL MIARNOWSKI. He extends many, many thanks to the boys in the friendly loan department for their help in obtaining a hearing aid for his mother-in-law, Mrs. SYLVIA SPEERS. Mitchell, by the way, has a very outstanding personality and is an asset to the company... BERNICE JULIA ZIOLKOWSKI, the daughter of Instructor HENRY F. ZIOLKOWSKI, Forest Glen, was graduated from Roosevelt college in January and received a bachelor of arts degree in English. She is currently studying acting at Columbia College theatre... To Operator JOHN KANTAK, yours truly "Wilbur" wants to say thanks. You are one operator who I can depend on to wait for another operator to catch a bus to the station. Besides that, I have seen you wait for passengers. The CTA is proud of operators like you...Operator DAN MANZO and his lovely wife, VIRGINIA, are now proud grandparents. Dan says--retire? No, No, I'm good for another 20 years, this lovely baby has made me feel younger...Instructor ED (Teenager) SCHWAMB and his lovely wife, DONNA, celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary on February 10. Donna is keeping Ed busy with their children and doing the housework. By the way, Schwamb says his wife is only 18. Seems as if he really stole a child bride after all...The annual membership drive for the Little Flower Society is now on. Contact your station committee member and pay your 1971 dues of $2. For every three new members you sign up, the committee has a select gift for you...Operator R. JOHNSON retired on February 1 after 29 years of service. He has plans to do a little traveling throughout the states. The best to you, Ralph...Operator CLIFFORD LAST was seen on a strange street filling in. Clifford, in case you didn't know, you were supposed to be in service, not taking a sightseeing trip...Our hearts go out to Operator WILLIAM BARRON on the sudden death of his wife on February 1. Mrs. Barron was only ill for 24 hours. Another loss was the passing of JAMES BRENNAN who was the loader at the terminal for quite some time. He always had a kind word, a smile, and a little joke for all. Pensioner JOHN LANGE passed away on February 22 while confined in the hospital. Lange was formerly a member of Forest Glen's credit union, and a man who was always on hand to help, anytime. Instructor PAUL WINKOWSKI also had a great loss when his father passed away in January...What supervisor is now trying to replace the janitor at the Jefferson Park terminal? BILL LANE was discovered mopping out the terminal booth on his day off...Operator ART WHITFIELD and his wife, GRACE, are getting away for a few weekends now that they have a babysitter. Belated birthday greetings to Grace, February 13...To report a bit of news from the terminal board--one of the friendly voices you have heard for about two years was Supervisor BILL KEARNS who retired on February 1 after 44 years of service. We know that you operators on the receiving end of the phone, as well as the supervisors in the district will miss him. He was a supervisor for 25 years and was well liked by his co-

THIS LITTLE cherub is CHARLOTTE LYNN BELL, the daughter of CHARLES BELL, apprentice testing engineer, Electrical Department, who celebrated her first birthday on February 20. Charlotte's mother, LYNN, was formerly employed as a stenographer in the Purchasing Department.

workers. He was a very understanding man and treated all men alike. Good luck, Bill...Supervisor E. T. (Chappy) CHAPLESKI has been with the terminal board since it started. During this time he has spoken to a large number of fine men and it has been his pleasure to do business with them...The terminal board would like to welcome a new voice on the phone, RAY DOWDLE. The men on the receiving end will recognize it as he has been a supervisor in this area for 25 years...We are happy to hear the friendly voice of J. S. GOLNIK who was off a few months recuperating from an operation...GEORGE STRESKE was here the other day and he looks great. He was in the hospital for facial surgery and will be back on the job soon... Instructor PAUL WINKOWSKI is on vacation and having a ball. He is still practicing on his concertina, preparing for his debut in Carnegie Hall some time in the future.

*- W. A. Henry* (Don't call me Wilbur)

**GENERAL OFFICE (Insurance) -**

TONI MISETIC, receptionist, is now home from the hospital recuperating and getting along fine.

**(Employment) -**

Congratulations are in order for Interviewer I EUGENE JENDRACH and Typist JUDY KUTA, Executive Department, who became engaged...Wedding bells rang for RITA BRZECZEK, employment clerk II, on February 13 when she became Mrs. JOSEPH RITROVATO. Joe is an information clerk I in the Transportation Department...MARGUERITE LONGO, clerk-stenographer, and the daughter of Motorman JOSEPH LONGO, became engaged to MICHAEL ROFFULO, an intermediate accountant with Sun Oil. Wedding plans are set for November 25. Congratulations!..Get well wishes are being sent to LYNN HARRER, employment clerk II...The welcome mat is being extended to RUTH BEUTLER, clerk-typist, who joined the ranks of CTA.

**(Office Services) -**

LAVERNE SCHULTZ, clerk II, and her husband, EDWARD, are enjoying a three-week vacation trip to Florida, St. Thomas, and Haiti. While in St. Thomas they visited with WALTER McCARTER, retired CTA general manager.

**(Training & Accident Prevention) -**

Mrs. MIKE McCARTHY blew $200 recently by not being able to identify the mystery tune played during the commercial of the 8 a.m. movie on Channel 7. The McCarthy family did get a consolation prize--$7 and a blender. Mike says he is going to spend it on a musical appreciation course for ELAINE just in case she is ever called again... ART HUBACZ is now the proud owner of an Oldsmobile Cutlass "S". The car is equipped with dual exhaust, mag wheels, an overhead cam engine with a four-barrel carburetor, glass pack mufflers, and dual speakers with vibrasonic sound. All Art needs now is a black leather jacket and a crash helmet. If someone living in North Chicago sees a blur going by on highway 41, it will probably be Art in his Cutlass. Art purchased the car from KATHY FABRY of the same department. Sorry to hear that Art is presently on the sick list. Is it your weight or car problems, Art? Kathy and her husband are anxiously awaiting the arrival of their new 1971 Cutlass "S". The new car will be even more "souped up" than the one they sold to Art... JEANNE SNYDER came to the aid of a small boy who had to give up his dog, Cubby, part collie and part German

RICHARD G. RUSINAK and his wife, KAREN, proudly display the Navy Achievement Medal and U.S. Navy citation he received for superior performance of his duties while serving as a Wireman in Viet Nam. Richard, a CTA employe with the Track Division, is the son of EMIL RUSINAK, IBM Accounting, and the son-in-law of GEORGE STREICH, Area 318 South Shops.

shepherd. The thought of giving up the dog caused the boy to become very sick and listless. Jeanne, who lives in the same building as the little boy, heard about what was happening and offered to take Cubby temporarily into her apartment until the little boy got used to being without the dog. The boy is permitted to visit the dog anytime he wishes. However, Jeanne says that she and her husband are becoming quite fond of Cubby and what was to be only a temporary condition could very well turn into something permanent. Oh, yes, the boy is completely well again and is slowly realizing the fact that Cubby is no longer his.

**(Public Information) -**

EILEEN (Murphy) NEURAUTER and her husband, RUDY, a bus operator at Forest Glen, are enjoying themselves in Hawaii on a four-week visit, flying from island to island. More detailed news will be given when she returns.

**(Medical) -**

Congratulations are in order for MARY LEDWITH, R.N., who enjoyed a three-day weekend celebrating her birthday. You don't look a day older, Mary, must be the Irish whiskey that's keeping you so youthful...Lo and behold, your co-reporter, REGGIE DAREN, won $10 from the Chicago Today newspaper for putting in a suggestion on how to win the war on inflation. The suggestions are sure paying off.

**(Research & Planning) -**

A big welcome to BILL JONES, R/P's new traffic analyst, and DAVE PHILLIPS, who is our engineering trainee. Also, good luck to LLOYD HILLOCK on his new assignment in the Schedule Department...A few of us in R/P joined the crowds at the annual auto show. Of course, we all made the trip to the show by CTA. MARY ELLEN RUSS, DIANE GRAZIANO, and BILL GOODWIN together with their family and friends browsed through McCormick Place viewing everything from the new Honda car to the Cadillac. When asked what was their favorite, Mary Ellen said the Opel and Camaro, Diane the Mercedes Benz, and Bill said he liked all the models...A get well wish to TOM HENNINGSEN who has been off sick a few days. By next issue we hope to hear he is up and jumping around again. Time you got over growing pains, Tom...To end our news for this month, it should be put down for the record that WALLY PASZYNA and BILL GOODWIN had their hair cut and we now have on sale a wig for some lucky person for the remarkable price of $5.

*- Regina Daren & Eileen Neurauter*

**KEDZIE -**

Now that spring is here, kids will be riding their bikes in the street and pedestrians will be walking from between parked cars, so be especially alert in your driving. Only the operators pulling together can reduce accidents...Operator GUY DI MEO and his lovely wife, DORA, announced the engagement of their son, FRED, to Miss JANET WEYMA, who are planning to be married early next year. Guy said he is changing all the locks on the doors, so there will be no returning for his son. Fred, I think your dad is trying to tell you something...The Kedzie credit union held its annual meeting in January. Operator JOHN MURPHY opened the meeting by singing the Star-Spangled Banner. All reports were read and approved, then everyone enjoyed the refreshments. Retired Superintendent C. SAUNDERS attended the meeting, and did you know that he was the first one to make a deposit in the credit union? He holds card No. 1. Mr. Saunders also won a door prize. How lucky can one be?..Glad to see Operator J. C. SKIPPER back on the job after two years of military service...Quite often now you see a guy sewing in the trainroom. Well, that's Operator P. C. JACKSON. He is taking a course in tailoring and doing very well...TED HEFFERNAN, treasurer of the credit union, has been appointed the police and fire commissioner in Broadview, Illinois. He receives no pay; just doing his part as a civic leader. Good luck, Ted, in your new duties...Our deepest sympathy to Operator McDONALD whose brother passed away in East St. Louis, Illinois... Pensioner JOE CZECH is recovering from a heart attack at McNeil hospital in Berwyn, Illinois...Don't forget your credit union, put a little away every payday.

*- Raymond Graham*

**KEELER -**

I hope this little memo reaches you in time. April 1 is the day upon which we are reminded of what we are on the other 364. April Fool's day brings to mind the not so old adage, "A fool and his money get invited to the most swinging places."..The birthday swingers for March are: Operators RUFF, March 1; SMITH, March 2; BARATH, March 3; MARUSARZ, March 4; MURPHY, March 5; DeROSE, March 6; GRIFFIN, March 7, and WILLIAMS and POLK, March 8...Meanwhile back in the garage, Mechanic KEN SANDRIK ran up another mile on March 26. Ken's daughter, MARY SUE, entered the marvelous teens on February 1...Did you notice that big void in the garage? The reason is Mechanic CHESTER is on vacation--and Chester does occupy quite a bit of space...I'm sure that the wife of Repairman AL HALL is waiting for vacation time so Al can enjoy himself by doing little odd jobs around their new home...I can't quite understand why all the repairmen are so excited because WINKLEBACH has a new uniform. Perhaps Winky had a sentimental attachment to the old uniform...ROGER GABINSKI, our schedule man, isn't so good in scheduling his news. He just told me that his wife, DOLLY, had a birthday on February 23. Make him get on the ball, Dolly...Operator ANDY GRABOWSKI is quite proud of his 20th anniversary of employment on March 26. Are you showing movies, Andy?..Boy, did I goof. Operator McKINLEY HAYDEN did give me the item on time, but I misplaced it and just found it. So to Hayden and his wife, CATHY D., a happy, happy belated second wedding anniversary, January 19...The entire garage gang sends get well wishes to Assistant Day Foreman PHIL O'CONNOR. The drivers also take a little of that action too, Phil...If my news seems a little skimpy this time, it's because my main contributor, WHITEY SZYMELL, is on the sick list with a pulled foot muscle. Must have been sustained running to the winners window at the race track...We also miss FRANK BELLINO, so hurry and get well...OTTO and DOROTHY PETERS really played it smart on February 13, their seventh wedding anniversary. They celebrated with a turkey dinner at home, and the real kicker--Dot kept Otto sober throughout the festivities. Otto's son, RAYMOND, kicked the birthday jinx on February 22 when he became 14 years old...Operator C. D. WARREN complained because his name is never in print. I tried to explain to Warren that when he does something newsworthy--that will pass the censors--he will be honored. A good example is like Instructor CHARLIE WEYER who is conspicuously absent due to jury duty...Our sanitation technician, IRWIN ZIELKE, demanded equal representation in our column. He complains that a certain co-worker, initials S.G., has been hogging all the limelight. Well, Irwin, you held out a long time and I think it was very big of you. Very, very big of you...Incidentally, this print seems to be getting smaller and smaller each year. Due to this phenomenon, ye olde scribe is taking a younger pair of eyes in training. Being duly cultivated for this honor is Operator CLARENCE McLOYD. So look forward to some sparkling bright new contributions in the near future...Well, gang, I'll have to terminate our togetherness for this time as I have to start work on my fishing equipment. I'm replacing all my gear with heavy-duty material--expecting big things, you see. Bye now.

*- Ernest C. Carter*

STAFF SERGEANT ROBERT McGANN, the son of Night Foremon HAROLD McGANN, Lowndole Station, is now home on furlough after spending 27 months in Anchorage, Alaska.

**LAWNDALE -**

This month we congratulate Operator FRANK DOWNEY who courageously gave mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to a stricken heart attack victim on his bus on January 11. Operator Downey received a personal letter of thanks from General Manager T. B. O'CONNOR...One evening while Operator WILLIAM LAMAR was working, eggs were splattered all over the windshield on the driver's side. Fortunately, one of his passengers lived close enough to the bus stop to run into her house and get some damp towels to clean the windshield. Thanks to this lady, Operator Lamar was able to continue on his route safely with no further difficulties. We need more passengers like this kind lady... On April 1 Operator JACK KALKA will retire after 34 years of service. Good luck, Jack...Operator and Mrs. JOHN PATER recently returned from 11 wonderful days in

sunny Acapulco, Mexico. John came back to Lawndale with a nice tan and a wild story of how beautiful the weather was in Florida, for whose benefit I've yet to learn. John also said he improved his golf game while he was away and the invitation is open to GALVIN, WASHINGTON, ROSS, and MORTON...Well, fellows, on April 1, Clerk EDWARD McDERMOTT will take his pension after 46 years of devoted service. Mac, as we all call him, will be missed around here and we all wish him an enjoyable retirement. Good luck, Mac...Glad to see C. SANDRIK, B. CALVERT, and S. PERRY back to work after extended illness. Those still on the sick list include: W. HALLA, G. BRICHACEK, A. KENNEDY, and R. JONES...Happy birthday to the following personnel: J. LUSCALZO, A. IRVING, C. PENDLETON, A. CALABRESE, J. PAIGE, W. CONNIE, W. ROBINSON, F. BRADFORD, S. WALKER, F. ANDERSON, R. ZAILSKAS, J. KALKA, R. HENLEY, N. SWOPES, C. BRICE, J. BOKER, J. WILLIAMS, J. VIOLLT, C. KACZOROWSKI, Q. JAMES, J. RIHA, C. HILL, H. BOWMAN, S. HYERCZYK, S. ADAMS, M. COLQUITT, and L. GATSON...EDDIE KAWCZYNSKI celebrated his 29th anniversary with CTA on February 29. Eddie says that he's challenging all golfers.

*- James Marshall*

**LIMITS -**

Superintendent GEORGE MAY of Limits Station took his pension on March 1. A testimonial dinner was given in his honor on February 26 at Johnny Wiegelts, 2000 W. Byron street. A large number of his co-workers attended and a good time was had by all. May your retired life be filled with health and happiness, Mr. May...Operator CLARENCE LIND spent an enjoyable vacation down in sunny Florida. He did quite a bit of sightseeing and deep-sea fishing and came back with a beautiful coat of tan...Operator LEWIN has purchased three acres of land in or near Albuquerque, New Mexico. He plans to build a home down there where he will spend his retired life...We all wish to thank Operator IKE WILLIAMS for the beautiful checkerboard he designed and made for the enjoyment of the men at Limits. This is the second board he has presented to the station...To all of the men on the sick list, we wish a speedy recovery...Our sincerest sympathy to SAM GIRARD in the death of his father-in-law, Mr. GIBES.

*- R. S. Benson*

**LOOP -**

Belated birthday greetings to Student Agent TOM LINDENMUTH, February 13; Agents TERESA BARRETT, February 11; GENNY HARDING, February 24, and DOROTHY FORD, February 18. February is a festive month for Dorothy, who also celebrated her wedding anniversary and her anniversary with our company...Reporter and West Section trainman, LOU PAYNE, also had a February birthday which he enjoyed immensely...Congratulations to Foot Collector V. NORSTROM and his wife who celebrated their wedding anniversary on February 22...Agents LILLIAN CONROY and GENEVIEVE HARDING both retired on March 1. Their many friends wish them both the very best of luck and good health in the future. VIRGINIA TOTCKE, MARION KAAD, DOROTHY ADLER, MONICA LAMKE, and your Co-reporter MARY WIXTED helped Lillian celebrate her retirement on Sunday, February 21. We saw the movie, "My Fair Lady", and had dinner at Goldie's on West Irving Park road. It was a delightful day and we hope to have many more together. Lill has promised to keep in touch and we plan to hold her to that promise...Agent JUANITA HARRISON has been on sick leave since August. All her friends miss her and are hoping for a complete recovery soon... Our congenial platform man, WILBUR (Slim) HOLMES, is in Holy Cross hospital recovering from a broken hip. Slim fell on the ice while skating with his grandchildren. Everyone on the Loop structure misses friendly Slim and we hope he recovers very soon. We know he would appreciate hearing from all his friends...Agent HERB SAFFRAHN is still off sick. Our best wishes to him, also. We want to see him back and in good health again as soon as possible... Clerk DAN DOYLE is in the hospital at this writing. We hope he will be up and about by the time this issue of the Transit News is released. Exit that hospital, Dan...Student Agent ARTHUR JEFFERSON spent a few uncomfortable days due to a virus, but is back on the job again full of vim and vigor...On February 23, Loop Janitor BUCHANAN had a day off to celebrate his 20th year with CTA. He spent that day getting the house in spick-and-span shape for his wife's return from the hospital. Mrs. Buchanan had surgery and is recovering very nicely, we understand...Proud mother MARILYN BELL tells us her son, DONALD, will graduate from college in June. Then after three years of post-graduate study he hopes to be a successful architect. We're betting he makes it. . . Student Agent AUGUSTA THOMPSON has a very interesting career planned. She is attending Columbia college and hopes someday to be a producer and director for movies or television. Good luck, Augusta, sounds like fun and work, too...Agent MARY GILBERT tells us that her daughter, JESSIE, senior cheerleader for Lindblom High school, is beaming with pride since her team won two trophies in the city cheerleading finals. Congratulations, Jessie...Agent LORRAINE BLACK and JOHN UPCHURCH will say "I do's" on June 27 in Our Lady of Lourdes church. The bride will wear the traditional long white lacy dress and veil. She will be attended by three bridesmaids and a maid of honor. After a reception for family and friends, the couple will honeymoon in California. They plan to return to Chicago to reside. They both intend to continue their college education. Good luck and much happiness in the future...Welcome to new Agents ROCHELLA PALMER and CORINNE McCLINTON. Good luck, girls...Agent MARY JO OHNESORGE went into the hospital for tests and a checkup. We hope she will be back with us soon in tip-top shape...Agent MONICA LAMKE picked her vacation in March and is flying to Tampa, Florida, for a happy reunion with her sister and family. Have a

WEDDING BELLS rang for WILLIAM and JACQUELINE WILSON on November 2 at St. Peters United Church of Christ. The bride is the former JACQUELINE MORRIS who was employed by CTA in the Employe Relations Department, and the daughter of Superintendent J. B. MORRIS, Lawndale Station.

# NEW PENSIONERS

JOINING THE ranks of the retired March 1 after completing 40 or more years of transit service each are, left to right, EDWARD V. MORRIS, ANTHONY CARR, and JOSEPH A. HERMAN.

ANTHONY CARR, Conductor,
North Section, Emp. 10-10-29
LILLIAN J. CONROY, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 4-11-64
WILLIAM DiGIOIA, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 8-20-41
RAYMOND J. DONESKI, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 6-24-42
NEWTON GABLE, Operator,
52nd Street, Emp. 10-24-53
GENEVIEVE M. HARDING, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 1-23-42
JOSEPH A. HERMAN, Chief Operator,
Electrical, Emp. 7-17-28
KENNETH W. JOHNSON, Foreman,
Forest Glen, Emp. 5-29-47
WILLIAM L. MACLIN, Janitor,
North Section, Emp. 12-28-53
GEORGE T. MAY, Superintendent,
Limits, Emp. 3-6-34
EDWARD V. MORRIS, Electrical Worker,
Skokie Shops, Emp. 8-29-21
MARTIN J. NEE, Bus Repairer,
Lawndale, Emp. 7-13-43
WALTER J. NOWICKI, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 9-3-42
PAUL ROLLAND, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 12-20-40
EDWIN P. STOCK, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 12-3-45
WALTER A. STRAUBING, Receptionist,
Executive, Emp. 8-31-29
MARTIN SWANSON, Bus Repairer,
77th Street, Emp. 3-29-27
JOSEPH F. TERC, Conductor,
West Section, Emp. 1-21-46
GEORGE TRIUNFOL, Chief Accountant,
Accounting, Emp. 6-28-27

### DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

SOL BATTLE, Bus Serviceman,
52nd Street, Emp. 5-17-48
MICHAEL J. HENEHAN, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 4-2-53
EUGENE F. HOWE, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 3-26-46
ROSEMARY KELLY, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 9-17-55
LEON MALY, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 12-16-47
WILLIAM J. MARTIN, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 2-17-43
JOSEPH MICHALCZUK, Electrician "A",
Skokie Shops, Emp. 5-2-32
EARL F. STEVENS, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 8-9-55
GEORGE J. WILLIAMS, Janitor,
Beverly, Emp. 3-10-42

MARKING THE end of 41 years of service at a farewell party held on February 25 in the CTA board room, WALTER STRAUBING is shown here with CTA Board Chairman G. L. DeMENT (left) and General Manager T. B. O'CONNOR. Walt retired as General Office receptionist.

## PENSIONERS MEET

THE DIVISION 308 Pensioners Club of Chicago will hold its next regular meeting at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 15, on the 13th floor at 32 W. Randolph street. All retired members of Division 308 are invited to attend these meetings which are held the third Thursday of each month at the above time and address.

The CTA Pensioners Club of St. Petersburg, Florida, will hold its next regular meeting at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, at the Odd Fellows Hall, 4140 16th street North, St. Petersburg. All CTA pensioners living in that vicinity are invited to attend these meetings which are held the first Tuesday of each month at the above time and address.

good time, Monica, but don't forget to come back...What Irish lassie was found by her relief agent perched atop the station safe? Richie the mouse was running around the booth defying her to come down while she huddled in fear... Agent MARY GALLAGHER has returned from Ireland and is back at work again. Glad to have you back, Mary, we hope you brought some fresh shamrocks for Saint Patrick's day...See you next month, and keep smiling.

*- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wirted*

**NORTH AVENUE -**

Congratulations to Operator F. BARNES and his wife, ELLEN, who are the proud parents of a baby girl, MICHELLE, born on February 7 weighing 5 pounds 1 ounce... We're back to that February 29 birthday shared by Superintendent FRANK BUETOW, North Avenue, and Retired Superintendent GEORGE MAY, Limits. Having a birthday every fourth year, they don't seem to age like the rest of us. We extend our best wishes to both. Frank has been on the sick list, and we wish for a speedy return of the old vim and vigor. Many happy returns to Supervisor D. OMENS on his birthday, February 22...We wish Godspeed to KEN and DAVE, the twin sons of Operator FRANK R. STELZER and his Mrs. The young men are taking their basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Upon completion they will go to radio communication school in Boston. May God keep them safe...Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Operator DOM NAPOLEON in St. Joseph hospital, and to Operator RED HANSEN in Weiss Memorial hospital following surgery...Condolences to the family of Dispatcher H. REDMAN who passed away February 7; to Operator EDWARD DOWLING who lost his mother February 20, and to the families of Pensioners JOHN LANGE and DOUGLAS HALLBERG who both passed away on February 22. "Absent from the body, present with the Lord."..Mail for Pensioner OLIVER WIKRENT and his better half goes to P.O. Box 5162, Garden Grove, California 92645. They're living in Buena Park and the earthquake shook them and their house up, down, and sideways. The temperature the day the letter was written was 92 degrees. Oliver says, "hello" to all the boys...Pensioner LARS PEARSON and his wife, ANNA, are in Florida visiting Pensioner PAUL DAVIS and his wife, LORETTA. As usual, Lars is doing some fishing...Pensioner BILL ECHOLS enjoyed the Christmas holidays and New Year's eve, but spent New Year's day in bed with a cold. He received a letter from Mrs. JERRY GLEASON. Bill says no snow has fallen in Hot Springs this winter. The lowest temperature was 20 degrees...I met and had a nice chat with Pensioner BARNEY CALLAHAN who is looking and feeling fine...Now to the Inner Sanctum and our reporter, Switchboard Operator WALTER BLIX...The red carpet that is used to welcome VIP's to our office was put to good use on two occasions recently. The first time to welcome back BILL PINASCO from the General Office. Bill has taken over the assistant chief clerk's duties that ART OLSEN handled so well before his retirement. It's sure nice to have you back with us, Bill. The second time was when Superintendent GEORGE MAY left his home grounds at Limits Station and came over to fill in for one day at North Avenue. This gave him a chance to say goodby to all his old friends before taking his pension March 1. We all wish him the best of everything on his retirement... We have some new faces in our office. One is CARL HANSON who was just made a clerk recently. Another is IRV BREST who has been around North Avenue for a good many years as a motorman and bus operator. He's now holding down the job of relief custodian. Welcome to both of you fellows. VIC JOHNSON spent three weeks with us as night superintendent, and then took off and headed back to North Park and Forest Glen. Evidently the lunch bag competition was too much for him down here...It couldn't have happened to a nicer guy! These were our thoughts when we saw the letter of commendation sent in by a steady rider on Armitage avenue in praise of Operator BERT HUKILL. It was in the form of a lengthy poem that centered around all the good things that he does for his passengers. We agree with everything it said since yours truly had the pleasure of working with Bert for several years when we were at Forest Glen. With a little coaxing he might even show you the poem if you ask him...End of Inner Sanctum...Another operator who received a letter of commendation from one of his riders is AARON AMOS. It's nice to be appreciated... We wish all of you a blessed Easter at this season when we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Only in Him can we find hope for this world torn with war and hatred...Congratulations to Collector HARRY REESE and his spouse who celebrated their wedding anniversary on March 5.

*- William Miedema*

ROGER HORNING, the son of MEL HORNING, North Park Station operator and Transit News scribe, recently completed his basic training at Fort Lewis, Washington, and is now attending missile school at Huntsville, Alabama.

**NORTH PARK -**

Superintendents R. W. KEAG, E. BRODD, and V. JOHNSON, along with the instruction force, thank the operators and garage personnel for their part in setting a new all-time low accident record in 1970...Dr. ROBERT KESSLER, the son of Operator BOB KESSLER, was inducted into the U.S. Army as a major. Dr. Kessler will receive his basic training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and then will be sent to Viet Nam where his skills as a general surgeon will be utilized...Operator JAMES MURPHY attended the wedding of his brother, MATTHEW, in Queens, New York, where he was united in marriage to Miss MAUREEN McBREARTY. James was the best man at the wedding, and enjoyed meeting members of his family again...Operator BERNARD KONIARSKI is hospitalized in St. Francis hospital at this writing for observation. Our prayers are with Bernie for a complete recovery...West Irving Blair Lodge #271 led by its past master, Pensioner JOHN CLARK, attended the Martinique restaurant and Drury Lane Theatre to see Douglas Fairbanks in the play, "The Pleasure of His Company." The following operators and their wives also attended: WILLARD and JULIA LYONS, GEORGE and DORIS

MEYERS, RUPERT and MARY CRAFT, HOWARD and BONNIE PRATT, LE ROY and BETTY QUEENS, and WILLIAM and MYRTLE WROBLE...STEVE HUTNIK, the son of Operator SIDNEY HUTNIK, was honorably discharged after four years of service with the U.S. Navy. He served on the aircraft carrier John F. Kennedy and attained the rank of petty officer first class. Steve is happy to be home with his likeable parents again...Pensioner LOUIS NELSON and his wife, MAE, of Brodhead, Wisconsin, spent a week visiting their daughter, Mrs. ELEANOR SUCKOW, and her husband, JAMES. The Nelsons operate a prosperous trucking farm in Brodhead and will have strawberries, blueberries, and asparagus for sale this summer. ..The Little Flower mass and communion breakfast will be held on Sunday, March 28, at Old St. Patrick's church, Adams and Desplaines. A chartered bus will leave North Park at 7:30 a.m. and everyone is urged to attend...Supervisor GENE ADAMS gave his wife, EMMA, a prize French poodle named Tammy as a present, and being a young aggressive puppy, Tammy is working the furniture over. It looks like Gene will have to replace the furniture before long...Operator BILL OCIEPKA and his fiancee, MARY ELLEN POCRNICH, flew to Cleveland, Ohio, to attend the wedding of an old army buddy, Mr. RICK CHMURA, to Miss BETH KUHN. Bill was an usher at the wedding and had the good fortune to catch the bride's garter, so Mary Ellen and Bill have decided to get married in January, 1972...Operator SAM BAKER and his wife, HELEN, announced the marriage of their son, SHELDON CARTER, to MARCI R. ZATZ on Sunday, February 7, at the Iran Hebrew Congregation in Skokie, Illinois. Following the ceremony a dinner was held at the Hyatt House, and in celebrating, Sam was his usual laughing, jolly old self...Operator LES BATES was reelected president of the Southern Illinois Reunion Council for the year 1971. We at North Park wish Les another successful year with the council as they do such wonderful work for the poor and handicapped...Operator ED ZIENTARA and his son-in-law, ED COVERS, spent a week fishing at Lake Chetek, Wisconsin. Ed reports that the crappies were very receptive...Operator ROBERT WASHBURN visited Johnson City, Illinois, where his property interests are located. Robert reports that it took a Brinks truck to carry all the rent and royalties home. Also on the agenda was a hunting expedition for Canadian geese, and VIOLET and I are waiting for an invitation to a duck dinner, Robert. ..Operator CONNIE SCHMIT spent his winter vacation at Back Porch, Illinois, completing all the chores around his Long Lake home...LILLA BOOTHROYD, the daughter of Operator OWEN BOOTHROYD and Ticket Agent ANNA BOOTHROYD, was married on January 23 to Mr. CHARLES TOELCKE at Belden Avenue Baptist church. The reception, also at the church, was attended by 200 guests. The young couple honeymooned in Tucson, Arizona...EARNIE BUCHANAN Jr., the son of Operator EARNIE and EDNA BUCHANAN, was married on Saturday, January 30, to Miss DIANNE HAMER at St. Mary's Catholic church in Pecatonica, Illinois. The reception was held at the Indian Village in Bryon, Illinois, with 200 guests attending. The young couple are juniors at the University of Illinois where Earnie is majoring in physical education and Dianne is majoring in home economics. Operator LE ROY CARR and his wife, LOUISE, and Supervisor JOHN ERICKSON and his wife, AGNES, attended the wedding and had a grand time... Operator ED NEWTON and his wife, FRANCES, became grandparents twice in January when their fourth and fifth grandchildren were born. On January 11 a daughter named ROBIN TRACY was born to their son, TOM, and his wife, LOIS, at Ravenswood hospital weighing 6 pounds 6 ounces. On January 26 a daughter named THERESA ANN was born to their son, BRUCE, and his wife, SUE, at Wesley Memorial hospital weighing 6 pounds 7 ounces...Operator LARRY SHIELDS and his wife, GRAYCE, became grandparents for the sixth time when their son, PETER, and his wife, CAROL, became parents of their third daughter, JODI ERIN, born on December 3 at Northwest hospital in Arlington Heights weighing 7 pounds 11 ounces...Operator ROBERT BROWN and his wife, JEANNETTE, flew Delta Air Lines to Houston, Texas, to visit their son, AL, and his wife, PAT, and their grandson, DANNY. Highlights of the trip were visits to the Astrodome, NASA, the Indian Reservation, and the battleground in San Jacinto where the battleship Texas is moored...Operator ART JANZ vacationed at Naples, Florida, and enjoyed several days with Pensioner PAT DOHERTY who resides in Bonita Springs. Art reports that he tried several fishing excursions in the Gulf of Mexico but the results were poor...Operator JOHN HALL and his wife, MARIE, took a leisurely ride on the Santa Fe to San Francisco, California, where they enjoyed a three-week vacation. Highlights of the trip were visits to Fisherman's Wharf, for those great fish dinners, the zoo at San Diego, Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, and several other attractions...JASON MILSTEIN, the grandson of Operator ELI and RUTH PESTINE, received his first report card from school and his marks were exceptionally good, making Eli and Ruth very proud of him...Pensioner AL REMACK and his wife, DOROTHY, send greetings from Florida. On the agenda was a visit with ED and CEIL MUCHA of Fort Lauderdale, and FRANK and ELAINE CARPINO who were staying with the Muchas. Stops were made at Key West, Pompano, Del Ray Beach, and at Pensioner CHARLES and ANNA KERR's home at Bonita Springs for a few days.

Operator RAY DONESKI retired on March 1. Ray and his wife, EVELYN, had a home built in Forsyth, Missouri, and will be neighbors of Pensioner ART and RUTH MUIR. We at North Park wish Ray and Evelyn much happiness in their new home and many years of health and good fishing

THESE TWO happy young men are MICHAEL and JOHN McEVILLY, the sons of Senior Station Instructor JOHN P. McEVILLY, Keeler and Limits, who were home on leave for the holidays. Michael, a Specialist 4, attended Loyola university before enlisting in the army and is now stationed in Wurzberg, Germany. John, after his graduation from DePaul university, received a commission in the marines. He spent 16 months in Viet Nam where he was awarded the bronze star and the Vietnamese medal of honor.

in their Ozark surroundings...Our best wishes to Superintendent GEORGE MAY, Limits, who retired on March 1... Happy anniversaries are extended to the following: Operator KEESLER POLK Jr. and his wife, CHARLOTTE, their 7th; Operator DON BENNETT and his wife, MARIE, their 23rd; Operator TOM DE CANTILLON and his wife, MARY, their 24th; Operator SEYMOUR STEINBERG and his wife, DOROTHY, their 34th; Operator IRVING MOSKOVITZ and his wife, ANN, their 41st; Operator GEORGE TORSON and his wife, JUNE, their 18th; Operator DON McKINNEY and his wife, BARBARA, their 17th; Instructor EDWARD SCHWAMB and his wife, DONNA, their 10th; Instructor JOE DAUGIRD and his wife, LOTTIE, their 31st; Supervisor LARRY COSTLEY and his wife, MARY, their 25th; Superintendent VICTOR JOHNSON and his wife, RUTH, their 31st; Pensioner WILLIAM KLEPITCH and his wife, IRENE, their 42nd; Pensioner HARVEY GEHMAN and his wife, INGEBORG, their 37th, and Pensioner AL PARADISE and his wife, FAYE, their 8th...Happy brithdays are extended to the following: BONNIE NEWMAN, STEVEN and CYNTHIA BUDZISZ, DANNY and LAURA KURCZEWSKI, HEIDI PESTINE, Operators WALTER ZINKOVICH, SAL MUSCARELLO, GEORGE TORSON, ARMAND DELGADILLO, CHESTER DAMIAN, LOUIS SCHWARTZ, and GARY NOONAN, Receivers ED STENZEL and BILL CERKAN, Clerk RAY MILANOVICH, and Sanitary Engineer OSCAR ANDERSON...Our deepest sympathy and condolences are extended to the families of Street Collectors JAMES BRENNAN and ALBERT BEROTT, Ticket Agent STEVEN GECAN, and Operator ART and ARLENE JANZ, on the loss of Arlene's father, Mr. AMOS LEONARD. Pensioner DONALD GILL passed away... Repair Department Chit Chat: Repairman FRANK SCHENDL enjoyed a two-week jury summons. We are sure Frank had a good rest...Repairman HARRY CARLSON, at this writing, is recovering from an illness and the garage gang is wishing him a speedy recovery...Repairman MIKE SCHULTZ enjoyed a February vacation...The welcome mat is extended to J. KENNEDY who was transferred to North Park as a repairman...Repairman FRANK SIBLEY is now working as a benchman and finds the job a challenge since HERMAN AMBOS and ED CORDA performed so well before retiring. ..Repairman LOUIE GRABOWSKI had an unusual experience. He was attacked by an alley cat and severely clawed and scratched on the face and neck.

*- Melvin Horning*

**NORTH SECTION -**

On February 7 Ticket Agent ANNABELLE DREW added another candle to her birthday cake. Annabelle's son, RAY, and his wife, JUDY, took her and her daughter, PHYLLIS, to Milwaukee to see "Holiday on Ice" and to dinner at the Pieces of Eight restaurant. Annabelle says it was a treat she will long remember...Our condolences to the following: Ticket Agent MARGARET McCORMICK on the death of her brother, Father RYAN; to Ticket Agent DOREEN HORN on the death of her father; to Conductor JOHN RUSIN on the death of his brother-in-law; to Retired Motorman FRANK SCATENA on the death of his wife, and to the family of JOE PASCENTA who passed away after undergoing surgery. Joe was working as the Howard platform man...At this writing Kimball Supervisor DICK STANTON is in Ravenswood hospital in the intensive care unit and will undergo surgery at some future date. Also, DANIEL KOVALENKO, conductor, is on the sick list. Howard Street Clerk ED DeRANGO is in Cuneo hospital. Ed is now doing fine after being on the critical list. Fellow employes! A card or phone call can mean a lot. We wish them all a speedy recovery... It seems these days a ticket agent doesn't know what to wear to work. On February 4, Agent IDA KOUYOUMDGIAN could have used a bathing suit. An overhead water pipe broke above the ticket booth and the water came cascading into the booth and flooded the entire Howard Street entrance with ten inches of water. Clerk ORLANDO MENICUCCI rose to the occasion by singing, "Raindrops keep falling on my head."..Everyone has heard the saying, "button, button, whose got the button", but in the case of Agent MARY DONOHOE and Agent ROSE McANDREWS, it is "booties, booties, whose got the booties". Mary made a pair of booties for Rose and put them in a transfer envelope for the foot collectors to give to Rose. The collectors forgot and put the envelope in with all the others and so far it hasn't been found...On Sunday, February 14, the North Side Credit Union held its annual meeting. This year it was held at Wiegelts hall on Damen avenue. Refreshments were served and Clerk ORLANDO MENICUCCI entertained by singing several selections accompanied on the piano by Mrs. JOAN WELLANDER. A few of those who attended were: Retired Station Superintendent KEN MANAUGH and his wife, Mr. GEORGE RILEY from the Mart, and many retired employes. Everyone had a good time...Superintendent J. BRUCKER has given us the names of the new agents hired for the North Side on February 4. We wish to welcome the following and wish them good luck: M. WILSON, J. WILSON, J. BOWENS, M. PUISIS, G. GABRIEL, V. LEE, D. PYZYNA, and J. URASYANADAMA...On February 2 the father of Clerk GEORGE HENKE celebrated his 80th birthday. Mr. Henke is considered one of the grand old-timers of Gary, Indiana, and was feted by his church with an open-house party. Also through the efforts of George, he received a birthday greeting of best wishes and continued health from President and Mrs. Nixon...Just heard from the grapevine that Assistant Superintendent BILL ROONEY and his wife celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary on February 14. Congratulations to them both. Also, Mr. Rooney had a week's vacation and when asked if he went anywhere he replied, no, he stayed home as it was a honey-do week. It was honey do this, and honey do that...News of the North Side janitors. At this writing Janitor HAL is on the sick list and we wish him a speedy recovery. On February 1 Janitor BRISON retired, and on March 1 Janitor WILLIAM MACLIN retired...Our well wishes for a happy retirement

RECEIVING THE bronze star for valorous action in Viet Nam was Lieutenant MICHAEL FIORITO, the son of SAM FIORITO, Body Shop "D," South Shops. The medal was awarded to Lt. Fiorito for, "heroism performed in ground combat against an armed hostile force."

go to Conductor TONY CARR who retired and bid farewell to the CTA on March 1 with 42 years of service...Janitor JOHN McCONVILLE celebrated his "golden" birthday on February 27. John was 27 on the 27th. Happy birthday, John...Several agents went to see former North Side Motorman WALLY TAYLOR in his recent stage performance at the Shubert Theatre in the play, "No Place To Be Someone." Wally also appeared in the movie, "Cotton Comes to Harlem." After the Shubert performance, Wally was visited backstage and he sends his regards to his many friends at CTA...North Side Clerk GEORGE HENKE, the husband of your scribe, received a surprise in the mail. Because of his correspondence with the White House on several occasions, he received an official full color photo portrait of the president with the inscription, "To George Henke with best wishes, Richard Nixon." I have only one thing to say--"HELP"--I'm getting tired of sewing on buttons...Your scribe, TINA HENKE, wishes to express her sincere thanks to the many friends at CTA for their phone calls and cards while she was in the hospital and at home recuperating from a bad fall on the ice. When you read this, I hope to again be back at work. Also, please, keep the news coming in.

*- Tina Henke*

**OPERATIONS (Transportation) -**

Congratulations to JOE RITROVATO, Travel Information, and RITA BRZECZEK, Employment Department, who were united in holy matrimony at a nuptial mass at 1 p.m. on February 13 at Holy Rosary church. The newlyweds drove to Colorado Springs where they stayed for about five days and then went on to Phoenix, Arizona. They even got a chance to see the Cubs in spring training. The weather was beautiful and they had a wonderful two-week honeymoon. Among those who stood up for the wedding were Rita's sister, PHYLLIS, Law Department, LYNN HARRER, Employment Department, Joe's sister, ROSEMARY, and brother, TONY, both of the Claim Department, and his brother-in-law, JOE CECALA, Internal Auditing Department. This was truly a CTA wedding. We wish them the best of luck for a wonderful future...Dr. THOMAS POGUE, the son of Line Supervisor BURCHARD POGUE, has six children who keep him busy, and he also has four Old English sheep dogs. Recently, Lady Jennifer, one of his champion dogs had a litter of 11 puppies which I'm sure kept him up day and night bottle feeding many of them. If they didn't have a full house before, they sure do now. Congratulations on the new additions...CARL LARSEN and his wife, FREDA, flew to Hawaii for two weeks of fun and relaxation. Carl said he played golf at four of the major courses and also spent time on the beach. He must have been out in the sun because he has a beautiful tan. His wife also enjoyed the beach and going shopping. They went to Honolulu and Waikiki Beach, Maui, Kauai, and also spent time in Hawaii. Carl and his wife liked visiting the different islands the best of the whole trip. They had a great time, took many pictures, and someday would like to make a return trip. They even met EILEEN NEURAUTER from Public Relations who, incidently, is having a good time on her vacation...We are happy to see that RUDY HAAS has returned to work after an extended illness. Our sympathy is extended to Rudy whose brother, ALFRED HAAS, retired bus operator from North Avenue, recently passed away in California. We also extend our condolences to Superintendent of Transportation DAVID M. FLYNN whose sister, Miss KATHERINE M. FLYNN, passed away on February 4.

PICTURED HERE is MICHAEL HIRSCH, the grandson of REIN HIRSCH, machinist, South Shops, who is quarterback of the Hi-Ridge Chargers widget team in the Pop Warner League at the Hi-Ridge YMCA. Mike was awarded a trophy as the best back in his division.

Mass was said at 10 a.m. on February 6 at St. Hilary church. Radio Dispatcher HENRY E. REDMAN passed away suddenly on February 7. Mass was said on February 12 at 10 a.m. at St. Giles church. Our sympathy is extended to his family.

**(Traffic Planning) -**

We would like to welcome TOM LORENZ back after serving two years in the U.S. Army. While stationed in Germany, Tom took advantage of the opportunity and traveled all around Europe. He enjoyed seeing many different places, but is happy to be back home.

**(Utility and Emergency Service) -**

Mr. and Mrs. WALTER SWAIN recently took a trip to California. Luckily, their visit was after the earthquake. They went to San Diego where Walter said they had a good time, but experienced unusual weather...We received a note from PETE CARPINO who was vacationing in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He said he was having a great time and had visited some of his friends, namely JACK KRAUSE (retired from Operations Control), JOHN BURKE (fire and safety), and JIM HARRISON (District B supervisor)...Mr. and Mrs. D. St. JOHN spent their vacation in Mexico City and Acapulco. They had beautiful weather and a wonderful time...Congratulations and best of luck to VERNE LANDIS, our new supervisory chauffeur, to WILLIE WALTON who transferred from 77th Street, and VIRGIL TYLER who transferred from 69th Street...On March 1 RON MENDYK went on a disability retirement. We send our best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery, and the best of everything. . . Good luck to MILTON BERNARD who recently transferred to the Electrical Department...It's nice to see FRANCIS VAN GEENAN back to work and feeling fine after an extended illness...We would like to wish a speedy recovery to DICK O'GORMAN and WALTER RAKAUSKIS who are presently off sick...Our sympathy is extended to the family of Pensioner TONY NOLAN who recently passed away.

*- Colette Szczepanek*

**PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -**

Hi! My how time flies! Once again plans are being made for summer and fall vacations. Soon we will have bundles of news of luxurious vacations spent in Jamaica, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, French Riviera, and at home with the kids...We have two movers in our midst--Purchasing's ZITA GYURICZA and MARGARET KELLS who spent their

# RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYES

WESLEY E. BLANDEN, 83, West Section,
Emp. 9-26-13, Died 12-22-70
JOHN R. COOK, 92, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 4-5-04, Died 1-8-71
ANTON J. DAUKAS, 78, South Shops,
Emp. 2-27-20, Died 1-14-71
HEINZ DOERING, 54, Skokie Shops,
Emp. 8-25-36, Died 2-24-71
JOHN A. DUBIN, 77, Util. & Emerg. Service,
Emp. 7-19-24, Died 1-18-71
JOHN J. FITZGERALD, 79, Internal Auditing,
Emp. 4-13-28, Died 1-4-71
FRANCIS W. GARRITY, 59, West Section,
Emp. 7-10-47, Died 1-8-71
STEVE J. GECAN, 58, West Section,
Emp. 8-21-44, Died 1-30-71
WILLIAM GILLIGAN, 62, Engineering,
Emp. 5-13-41, Died 2-26-71
PAUL E. GRANOW, 69, North Section,
Emp. 8-30-23, Died 1-21-71
JAMES J. HARVEY, 66, 61st Street,
Emp. 11-16-25, Died 1-30-71
ALBIN J. JOHNSON, 70, North Avenue,
Emp. 2-24-26, Died 1-30-71
OWEN S. LAUGHLIN, 81, Property Accounting,
Emp. 7-23-46, Died 1-27-71
ROBERT D. LEWIS, 61, Beverly,
Emp. 4-28-41, Died 1-29-71
CHARLES W. LONG, 76, 77th Street,
Emp. 8-31-20, Died 1-18-71
VINCENZO LONGO, 72, West Shops,
Emp. 1-6-27, Died 1-13-71
ARTHUR W. MAAS, 67, Limits,
Emp. 2-25-37, Died 1-21-71
JAMES MORRISON, 92, Elston,
Emp. 6-7-18, Died 1-15-71
JOHN MURRAY, 74, West Section,
Emp. 11-20-42, Died 2-3-71
WILLIAM H. NELSON, 77, North Section,
Emp. 6-23-20, Died 1-12-71
ANTHONY J. NOLAN, 70, Utility,
Emp. 8-26-30, Died 1-31-71
JOSEPH PASCENTA, 55, Howard Street,
Emp. 4-8-40, Died 2-7-71
CLIFFORD PETERSON, 64, West Section,
Emp. 8-21-44, Died 1-18-71
STANLEY L. RADASZEWSKI, 70, Archer,
Emp. 10-25-43, Died 1-23-71
HENRY E. REDMAN, 55, Operations Control,
Emp. 8-11-41, Died 2-7-71
STEVE SCUKANEC, 57, Forest Glen,
Emp. 7-27-37, Died 1-30-71
JOSEPH E. SOUKUP, 79, 77th Street,
Emp. 3-22-26, Died 1-24-71
JAMES C. STAFFORD, 62, Kedzie,
Emp. 8-17-37, Died 1-9-71
DEWEY TADIN, 74, Way & Structures,
Emp. 12-4-23, Died 12-24-70
EDWARD E. THACHER, 70, Forest Glen,
Emp. 2-17-23, Died 1-7-71
TIMOTHY J. TUOHY, 83, North Park,
Emp. 9-25-23, Died 2-3-71
GUISEPPE VAZZANO, 95, Track,
Emp. 7-13-16, Died 1-12-71
CARL A. WALDMANN, 68, South Division,
Emp. 4-7-30, Died 1- -71
MICHAEL P. WALL, 68, Construction & Maintenance,
Emp. 11-5-42, Died 1-5-71
OSCAR W. WIBLE, 90, Kedzie,
Emp. 1-19-16, Died 1-13-71
STANLEY ZIARKO, 50, Lawndale,
Emp. 12-17-45, Died 1-30-71

vacations fixing up their new residences...IRENE HERMAN, freight bill checker, took on new job responsibilities when she was transferred to the Insurance Department as a hospitalization clerk. Come visit us once in awhile, Irene... Boy, oh boy! BOB McCARTHY's son, ROBERT, is really using his school time to advantage! Ceremonies were held on February 16 at Immaculate Conception High school, where Robert received his card and pin as a member of the National Honor Society. Robert's father, Bob, works as a buyer II in the Purchasing Department...HOMER WEATHERSBY, stock clerk 1, South Shops, is a father for the second time! A daughter, NATALIE ELAINE, was born February 8 weighing in at 6 pounds 8 ounces...We would like to welcome to Storeroom 48 a new laborer, PATRICK JOYCE. ..HANK BRANDENBURG and TOM SKVARLA, stock clerk II's at South Shops, are off the sick list. That's good news to hear, men...That's all the news for this month, folks. Let's hope we hear from you next month.

*- Cathy Raschick & John Gill*

**RAPID TRANSIT MAINTENANCE TERMINALS -**

Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to C. CARPENTER and NEIL McGILL, Wilson, who are on the sick list... Congratulations to LEONARD DAVENPORT Sr. on his promotion from terminal instructor to night foreman. Congratulations are also in order for his son, LEONARD Jr., on winning first place in the Pinewood Derby on January 26. Leonard, a member of Cub Scout Pack 3065, was awarded a plaque and ribbon in ceremonies at St. Philomena school...Congratulations to Night Foreman JOHN ANTONUCCI who was promoted to assistant day foreman at 61st Street...Best wishes to RITA BRZECZEK, the daughter of your reporter, RAY BRZECZEK, Office, who became Mrs. JOSEPH RITROVATO on February 13 in ceremonies at Holy Rosary church. Rita is the receptionist in the Employment Department and Joe works in Travel Information. ..Welcome back to D. MOTYKA, car serviceman at Howard, who just returned from the service...Welcome to C. MOORE, new car serviceman at Linden, and to C. DUNLAP Jr. who were promoted to repairmen at Wilson. Here's hoping both are happy on their new jobs...Best wishes to PAUL LOVELESS who resigned to become a motel manager in North Carolina. In a farewell party at Dan Ryan, all the boys, including Superintendent of Shops & Equipment GEORGE CLARK, Superintendent of Rapid Transit Maintenance Terminals TONY PORCARO and Senior Foreman BOB FLOWERS, said goodbye to a friend of many years. Paul invites all down to enjoy the facilities of his resort... A welcome to F. NEALY Jr., a new car serviceman at Dan Ryan...Enjoying the fun of a winter vacation were M. GALLAGHER, Wilson, and W. THORNTON, L. STEWART, and J. KOGER, Dan Ryan...We extend our sympathy to the fam-

ily of ANTHONY DRAPP, who passed away on February 27 after a short illness...Finally, on behalf of all of us in the maintenance terminals, I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Superintendent of Rapid Transit Shops and Terminals HEINZ DOERING who passed away on February 24.

*- Ray Brzeczek*

**SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -**

RICHARD and ROSALIE GOLDSTEIN spent their vacation in Wellington, New Zealand, with their son, RAY, and his wife, CORAL, and their twin grandchildren, JASON and RACHEL, who are now six months old. Ray is a lecturer in political science at Victoria university of Wellington...At this writing W. P. DEVEREUX is in St. Anne's hospital. We wish him a very speedy recovery...GEORGE HANUS had an operation and is in West Suburban hospital. We also wish him a very speedy recovery...CLARK JOHNSON and his wife flew to Clearwater and Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and Nassau and Freeport in the Bahamas on their vacation. ..Sympathy of the department is extended to J. LARKIN, outside checker, on the death of his wife.

*- Kathryn Batina*

**SOUTH SECTION -**

As I'm sitting here writing this I'm hoping that spring will be peeking her pretty head around the corner soon... We had a big wedding on Valentine's day. Foot Collector WILLIAM (Smithy) SMITH and Agent INEZ WADLINGTON decided to tie the knot and did. Much happiness is wished this nice couple...Our former boss, Superintendent MICKEY O'CONNOR, and his wife, ALICE, are having the time of their lives in Tucson, Arizona. I received a nice letter and two pictures of Mickey in shirt sleeves in January (while we were freezing in our winter coats) building a patio on his house. They just love living in Tucson...We have another new clerk on the South Section, Agent EDWARD GREEN who was appointed February 7. Congratulations!.. We were saddened to hear that Retired Towerman JAMES HARVEY passed away recently. Our condolences go out to Mrs. Harvey...61st Street is going great guns. They won the fourth quarter 1970 Interstation Safety Award with a perfect score. This is 61st Street's seventh safety award. Coffee and rolls were served which everyone enjoyed. Keep up the good work, men...Retired Motorman CARL FISCHER came in to see the boys at Ashland recently and he said he just returned from a trip to Hawaii, and next he is going to Florida and the Bahamas. Isn't it wonderful how our pensioners travel and enjoy life...Our sympathy is extended to Motorman EDWARD TORMEY whose brother passed away recently, and to Conductor JOSEPH MITTLER on the loss of his brother...Our South Side "L" Federal Credit Union held their annual meeting and get-together on February 14 at Avenue Liquors hall and it was such a nice affair. First there was the meeting and election of officers, then door prizes were given out. Afterwards came the social hour with hot beef sandwiches, cake, and coffee. As usual, my wonderful kitchen help included Retired Assignment Agents LULU HAMANN and ROSE HEIDENBLUT. Without their help I would have been lost in trying to serve the crowd, so my personal thanks goes out to them. Mrs. PONZIANO, the wife of Conductor FRANK PONZIANO, was in the hospital at the time and wasn't able to attend, but her charming daughter, SHARON, came along with Pops to help. Hope Mrs. Ponziano is well on the road to recovery by now. Also many thanks to Motorman ELWOOD FLOWERS and Conductor JAMES GREEN who were the bartenders. My hubby, ROLAND, was elected president again for a term of two years, and I must say I'm mighty, mighty proud. Division 308 was represented by Board Member WILFRED SPEARS. Among the pensioners attending were: Retired Towerman PAT HICKEY and LEONARD DeGROOT, Pensioner JOHN MADDEN (who looked just wonderful), and Retired Division 308 Board Member CHARLES BURNS. Charles is looking much better after his recent illness, and it's good to see him out and around again. Let's salute all our officers of the credit union for the wonderful job they are doing. Now is the time to remember to start putting some money in the credit union for savings so that you can get that "dream" vacation soon. All and all, everyone attending the get-together had a real good time...Supervisor DON MURPHY and his wife, GEN, just returned from a four-week winter vacation down in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, where they just loafed around on the beaches and by the pools, fished, got a nice suntan, and just enjoyed themselves...Received a nice letter from Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD HENNESSY, retired motorman, from Tucson, Arizona, where they are staying for the winter. They also think Tucson and Phoenix are the greatest places to live. While there they visited with Retired Foot Collector THOMAS McINERNEY and his wife, former Assignment Agent NANCY, and they send their best regards to all of us back here at work. They telephoned Retired North Section Conductor FRED BECK and his wife, and Fred said he would like to hear from more of his old friends. They also visited Retired Station Superintendent MICKEY O'CONNOR and had a wonderful visit with them in their new home. The Hennessys said they will be home in March...A hearty congratulations to Agent NORMA SANFORD who was married recently and is now Mrs. NORMA BRADLEY. Best wishes for a happy married life.

*- Verna Hartney*

**HAVING RECENTLY** entered the U.S. Army, **JOHN DUTTON** is now in basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. John worked as a bus repairer at Archer Station, and is the son of **L. C. DUTTON**, superintendent of Schedule-Traffic.

**SKOKIE SHOPS -**

This column, as well as the month of March, started off on a sad note for all of us at Skokie as we lost a good friend and a boss. HEINZ DOERING, superintendent of rapid transit shops and terminals, passed away on Wednesday, February 24. His career of almost 35 years brought him in contact with many CTAers, all of whom will remember

him for how he loved his work and gave his all to make each and every job a success. He was with us at Skokie for only the last eight years, but that was more than enough time for us to appreciate his comradeship and engineering expertise. Paying their last respects were more than 750 persons who passed his bier--people of all faiths, colors, and status in life. To his family, and especially his wife, LUISE, and son, BILL, we extend our deepest sympathy... ROY SUAREZ, electrical worker, is the proud owner of a new 1971 Ford Torino. Good luck, Roy...ROBERT BINNIE, electrical worker, is back on the job after a gall bladder operation. Welcome back, Bob...THOMAS HOEY, electrical worker, went on another week of vacation but failed to tell us where. Hope you enjoyed it, Tom...L. H. REICHARD, retired superintendent of shops and terminals, called to say he was off to the Florida Keys for some good fishing, and of course, his wife, CLARA, will be at his side. Lots of happiness to each...GEORGE RATEIKE, retired regional engineer, has moved to Florida and is building a new home. Lots of happiness to you and your wife, SIS, as we all called her...JAN BRODA, painter, was a good nurse to the children and his wife, ADRIAN, after she returned home from an operation. Good luck, Adrian...As the Skokie Shops reporter, I hope everyone enjoyed the North Side "L" Federal Credit Union dinner on Sunday, February 14...JOHN SARA, electrical worker, fell in the bath tub and broke a large toe. Sorry, John.

*- Everett E. England*

**SOUTH SHOPS -**

Our congratulations to EARL LARSEN who became a grandfather for the first time when his daughter, JOAN ENGLERT, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, gave birth to a 7 pound 12 ounce baby boy, BRYAN JASON, on January 29. I asked Mr. Larsen how it felt to be a grandfather for the first time, his reply was, "My only problem is learning to live with a grandmother."..Congratulations to CHARLES SHREEVE, Technical Services, who became a grandfather for the seventh time when his daughter, JACQUELINE, gave birth to a 9 pound 3 ounce (WOW!) baby boy, ANDREW MATTHEW, on February 1...You can really tell the people with all the money. If you have been reading the news for the last couple of months, you probably noticed his name. Well here it is again, and yes, he went on another vacation this month, only this time he had company. Mr. J. ROSENDHAL along with J. REPPLINGER and J. LAMONT and their wives went on a cruise on the luxury liner, Song of Norway, which left Miami, Florida, heading for Nassau, and from there to Puerto Rico and St. Thomas. Mr. Rosendhal told me that their hotel was on the Song of Norway, which was launched on November 7, 1970...The fellows of Area 312 would like to welcome back GEORGE GEIS, mechanic, and FRANK SPROVIERI, carpenter, after being off sick. George and Frank extend their appreciation to all of the fellows in Area 312 for their concern...FRED JACOBI and his family had a beautiful time in sunny Florida for two long weeks, although Fred didn't think it was long enough...There has been a wee bit of overtime in the shops, and some of the fellows from the different departments decided that if they were going to be working on Saturdays, they might as well eat the way they eat at home on Saturdays. So they decided to have a "Soul cook-in" for lunch. This sure makes working on Saturdays easier...The fellows in Area 318 would like to wish a speedy recovery to OLEY OLSON, carpenter, who just had surgery. We would also like to welcome back BOB FURHMAN and SAM FIORITO who were off sick for awhile...It seems as though we have a man in Area 339 who can prove that seven is a lucky number. JOE COAD, laborer, has seven children and on February 10, he was presented with his seventh grandchild, a girl who weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces. Well, Joe, congratulations and stick with the lucky number 7...ALBERT T. HERON, better known as Tex in the sky, became a proud grandfather for the first time when his son, JOHN, and his wife became the proud parents of a baby girl on February 24 weighing 7½ pounds. Congratulations, Tex, and we of Area 336 wish you have many more...The fellows in Area 333 would like to wish ROGER MULVIHILL and DONALD McCARTHY a speedy recovery from their illness. Hurry back, fellows, you are very much missed...Area 349's RENE HIRSCH will retire on April 1, and his plans include a trip to Pennsylvania to visit his mother and father who will celebrate their 66th wedding anniversary. His father is now in his 20th year of retirement. Congratulations to the entire Hirsch family.

*- Elaine Stewart & Bob Brown*

**WEST SECTION -**

A happy Easter to all of you and may it bring you many holy days ahead...The grapevine tells me that JAMIE GORDON is very close to getting married. The girl is a very lucky one, for she is getting one of the best...It was a long time in coming, but now MIKE BELLEZZO, after hearing war stories from AL CLARK for 25 years, has consented to write Clark's war memoirs. We all agreed that if there is a movie made from them, only John Wayne could play the part. ART NEWMAN wanted to play the lead as he was a wounded vet. I can't tell you where he was wounded, but only a hint, he can't sit down good...I have been wanting to thank my adopted son, TOM PATTERSON, and his lovely wife for the beautiful Christmas card they sent me. The picture was of a little black angel, and all the time I thought only Italians were in heaven...We couldn't believe our ears when the story came out that STANISZEWSKI is now the most informed switchman on Lake Street. CIMMERER is now No. 2. Just like Avis, John will now have to try harder...CHRIS and IKE HOUSTON, ticket agent and motorman, respectively, are very elated parents over the acting performance of their son, MARCHOUND. He won a lead role in the play, "The Me Nobody Knows", now at the Civic Theatre. The play was adapted from ideas put together by

THE HAPPY bride and groom are Mr. and Mrs. ARTHUR LOMAN who were united in holy matrimony on January 16 at Fellowship Baptist church. Art is a former West Section motorman who recently transferred to the South Section, while his bride, the former LUCILLE CONWAY, is an executive secretary for the SCLC.

kids across the country of their thoughts on today's events. Good luck to this young fellow and may he go far...Our office had become drab again now that EVELYN left us to go to Jefferson Park. Now GERKE and WOODS are beginning to look good. Do you think Evelyn will be able to make LENNY KUKOWINSKI smile? The bet is, no one can...The Lake Street Credit Union held their annual meeting on March 7, and a good time was had by all. To all you young folks, now is the time to join the credit union and assure yourself of a brighter future. See JOHN McCARTY and get all the information from him...How nice it is to see GEORGE WOODMORE back to work after being off sick for such a long time. I don't think he will ever lose that smile on his face. JERRY BOYLAN has been off sick and seems to be coming along fine. We are hoping he will be back to work by the time you read this...We of Lake Street would like to extend our deepest condolences to STEVE DUISAK on the loss of his father. He told us his father was 94, which is certainly a ripe old age...The death of Pensioner WALTER HARRIS was a deep loss to us for we had many laughs together. So all of us send our deepest sympathy to his wife and family. Also, our sincere condolences to the family of Pensioner NOBIE SHELTON who passed away recently... Mentioning pensioners, we saw CARL FRANK, REDMOND McGOVERN, and SAL DITOMASO at the Christmas party and they looked like millionaires. Ditomaso did a little dance, and remember how he used to walk when he wanted to get off?..Janitor SCHULTZ took his dog, Mickey, for a $7 taxi ride to show him the city. Now that's love, man for a dog. RUDY PTACIN said that the dog bit Schultz because it wasn't a $10 ride. That's gratitude...To all of you, young and old, how about a visit to Reverend GEORGE CLARK's church. It won't hurt, and after George's sermon, it may help... My multi-talented co-reporter, LOU PAYNE, can dance, sing, write, and tell jokes, and has show business in his blood. He does a remarkable job entertaining people. So if anyone needs some high-class talent, contact Lou and he will give you your money's worth. It's Lou's turn to write the column next month, so I'll be waiting to read the nice things he will say about me.

*- Santo Siciliano & Lou Payne*

**52ND STREET -**

The month of February is starting off with a bang for the operators here at 52nd Street. We played host to management for the presentation of the ISC award for the fourth quarter of 1970. There was coffee, rolls, prizes, short talks, movies, and you could even have a portrait drawn. An all-around good time was had by all. Following are the names of prize winners, and comments made by operators, clerks, and superintendents. Operator CALVIN HOWARD won the "Guess the Beads in the Bottle" game the hard way. He and ROBERT MADISON guessed 425 which was nearest to the actual amount. However, when the two names were tossed in a hat for one winner, Calvin won. Winners of $5 merchandise awards were: C. TARANTINO, R. LIGGET, W. HOLLAND, R. BOLDEN, L. GARMONY, R. MILLER, T. DIXON, M. DUFFIE, A. RODGERS, W. BROWN, R. BURNS, and D. CHORAK of the repair department. This was the second award won by 52nd that Superintendent COLEMAN did not contribute to as a driver. But nobody could have enjoyed the occasion more. Having been connected with 52nd for more than 26 years, Mr. Coleman was a part of all the other ISC awards, and there were quite a few. Chief Clerk ARNOLD HILLSTROM said that the coffee and rolls were enjoyed by all, and it is hoped that a return engagement will be enjoyed by the 52nd Street drivers in the near future. Operator ROBERT JONES said everything was fine, but he missed out on the "beads in the bottle" game. LEWIS WILLIAMS said every day should be like this. SAM JOHNSON stated it was nice to see Superintendent LYNCH smile all day. OLIVER TATE said he's working on another award, right now. LAWRENCE ROCKMORE commented that the movies and speeches were great. CHARLES SWAIN said that the artist did very fine and detailed work. WILLIAM O. HOOKS was sorry he missed the presentation, but did get in on the coffee and rolls. ERNEST HILL, vice-president of Division 241, enjoyed the coffee and rolls and hopes to have Superintendent of Transportation D. M. FLYNN and Superintendent of Instruction T. STIGLIC back for the next quarter...The buying of birthday gifts is a natural thing for most of us, but how many times do you buy for the whole family in one month. That's what Operator SHERMAN ADAMS is faced with. So we say happy birthday to Sherman, his wife, WILLIE, his sons, ROBERT and STEVEN, and his daughter, DELORES, all in January...Congratulations to Repairman HERBERT BOYD and his wife, JOYCE, on the birth of a son, AARON, born on January 24...The credit union's annual meeting was well attended. Reports were given by ERNEST HILL, president, TYLER PHILPOTT, treasurer, ROBERT HOLMES Jr., chairman of the credit committee, and FRED POWELL, chairman of the supervisory committee. CHARLES O'KANE, EUGENE JONES, and BOB HOLMES were reelected to the board of directors for three year terms. Elected to the credit committee were: Bob Holmes, LAFAYETTE GARMONY, SAMUEL WILLIAMS, RONALD LIGGETT, and WALTER FALLS Jr. Honored guests were: Mrs. ERNEST HILL, Mr. and Mrs. JAMES A. PATE, and Mr. DANIEL J. McFADDEN. Door prizes were awarded and refreshments served. The officers thank all for attending. Join the credit union and save. Each member's account is insured up to $20,000.00, and a life insurance policy up to $2,000.00...Last, but not least, congratulations to Operator CHARLES NICHOLS on his appointment as a supervisor.

*- John L. Hudson*

**69TH STREET -**

PETE SPOO is planning to take his pension, and that will make JACK WILSON the number one man on the picking sheets. HANK RISCH says that he looks younger than

THIS BEAUTIFUL bride is KATHY SZEWC, the daughter of TED SZEWC, signal design engineer, Electrical Department, who was united in holy matrimony to PAUL McGOWAN on January 30 at St. John Brebeuf church. Kathy and her husband are students at Illinois State university.

JOSEA JOHNSON Jr., the son of JOSEA JOHNSON Sr., garage foreman, 52nd Street, has returned home after 14 months in Viet Nam as a telephone line repairman. Josea is now back at 77th Street Garage doing what he likes best--keeping those buses rolling as a repairman.

Jack, but is actually older, so he will never make number one...Everyone had H. C. SANGER taking his pension. Howie said it would be nice, but he will be around for awhile...W. J. MONROE picked 59th Street. It is nice to see his smile as he passes by...It's great to see W. F. SHIPYOR back to work after being on the sick list for such a long time...B. PULICK bowled 159 for three games one Friday night. That was the total count and not his average. The next week he bowled games of over 200...PAM JAMES, the daughter of Operator G. JAMES, will graduate from Bowen High school in June and attend Northwestern university on a scholarship she won. James claims she got her brains from him...It is with a heavy heart that we extend our deepest sympathy to the family of M. J. O'CALLAGHAN. He put up a great fight against cancer, and his smile and joking ways will always be remembered at 69th. Also to the family of P. H. CAMERON, who was only retired a little over a month, when his Maker took him; and to JOE HAUG and his family on the loss of his wife. Joe's son said that he was in the hospital with a heart condition and was unable to attend the funeral services...Although we have had some rough days this winter, the instruction department of SWANSON, JOHNSON, O'DONNELL, ROSS, and FULLER said that despite the weather we had only one bad day accident-wise. They said they would even help us make out the overtime slip if we came in without an accident. Have you noticed the way Swanson is always wearing his cap, and how about that new badge number? During a personal interview, he made MICKEY YOUNG's innocent ears burn. Ask Mickey what he said because I can't print it. The instructor who is working with CHARLIE WILLIAMS, the sign-out man, always tries to give you one of the better "hogs", and is always saying they are going to get us service for the T-lot. The instructors are looking for new line instructors, so watch the bulletin board for the notice...All of the clerks miss BILL DONAHUE who is still off sick with an injured hip. They said the instructors are still cleaning up the leftovers from the clerk's dinner table... JIMMY AHERN of the repair department reports that everyone should come out for the St. Patrick's day parade and be dressed in green...The repair department extends their deepest sympathy to the family of Foreman PETE SZAFRANSKI on the death of his father-in-law; to TEDDY NIEZABITOWSKI and his family on the loss of his father-in-law, and to BRYANT MASON on the death of his sister-in-law...MARTIN GRIFFIN has gained 50 pounds since he retired. TOMMY McKEAN is certainly enjoying his pension and looks great. We hope that everyone on pension enjoys health and happiness for many years to come...Good luck to DAVID O'MALLEY who transferred to Archer, and to A. WARREN, V. TYLER, and R. HOROSINSKI who transferred to other jobs...We welcome BRUCE BURIAN, E. KUNKE, J. MILLER, A. SEDLAK, W. CICIURA, JOHN KOCHOPOLUS, and J. WIGGINS to the 69th Street repair department...The Transit News box is the only real mail box to the right of the clerk's window. Drop us a note on any news item or vacations. Be good, drive safely, and may God bless all of you.

*- Arthur P. Buesing*

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**77TH STREET -**

Our Federal Credit Union held its annual meeting on Saturday, February 12, at the Foster Park fieldhouse where a good time was had by all that attended...We would like to wish the following operators a happy birthday: J. A. WINSTON, E. J. BARRETT, W. D. MORRIS, A. F. MERCURIO, C. P. JOHNSON, O. J. SULLIVAN, A. FISHER, F. ECKLES, W. H. LOFTIN, H. A. BUDDE, C. H. HULL, M. BAPTISTE, C. B. RUSSELL, R. E. STEWART, C. J. BIEGNOWSKI, W. L. CARTER, W. R. STRICKLAND, M. D. McKNIGHT, W. J. O'BRIEN, H. E. JOHNSON, C. T. MARTIN, B. BEACH, S. S. GIBSON, I. HAYES, J. D. HUTCHINSON, F. GLEASON, D. MONTREL, B. J. MOSLEY, L. GOOLEY, R. C. WARD, R. OWENS, C. COLE, R. BROWN, W. ROBINSON, E. JACKSON, D. HENDRICKS, C. ASHER, U. JONES, M. BUCHANAN, J. WHARTON, R. THOMAS, and J. SULLIVAN. Sorry, fellows, some get older and some stay young, like myself... The Amalgamated Transit Union will hold its annual convention in Las Vegas this year. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact Division 241's financial secretary, JAMES PATE, so that he might know how many are planning to go and can make the necessary travel and hotel reservations...Congratulations to Operator CLARENCE PRESSLEY and his wife, GLORIA, on the birth of a baby girl, NICOLE DENISE, born on January 24 weighing 5 pounds 13 ounces. This is their fourth child...Operator GUY STUTTLEY and his wife celebrated their second wedding anniversary the first week of March. Congratulations to both of you...WILLIAM E. PERKINS, the son of Operator H. BURKETH, was a recent graduate of Northwestern university and the recipient of the Woodrow Wilson Scholarship award. Our congratulations to you, William. . . SP5 KENNETH BURNS, the son of Operator CLAUDE BURNS, was recently discharged from the army after spending a year in Korea. Claude's other son, BARRY, and his wife, ELIZABETH, celebrated birthdays in February...Operator EUGENE KENNARD is now home recuperating after undergoing surgery. ..Operator JUDGE CARTER is now home recuperating from surgery. I saw two new student operators last week, so you fellows better hurry back...Operator EDWARD REAUX celebrated his 45th birthday in the month of February. I believe I have the number of years correct...See you fellows next month. How about some news.

*- Elcosie Gresham*

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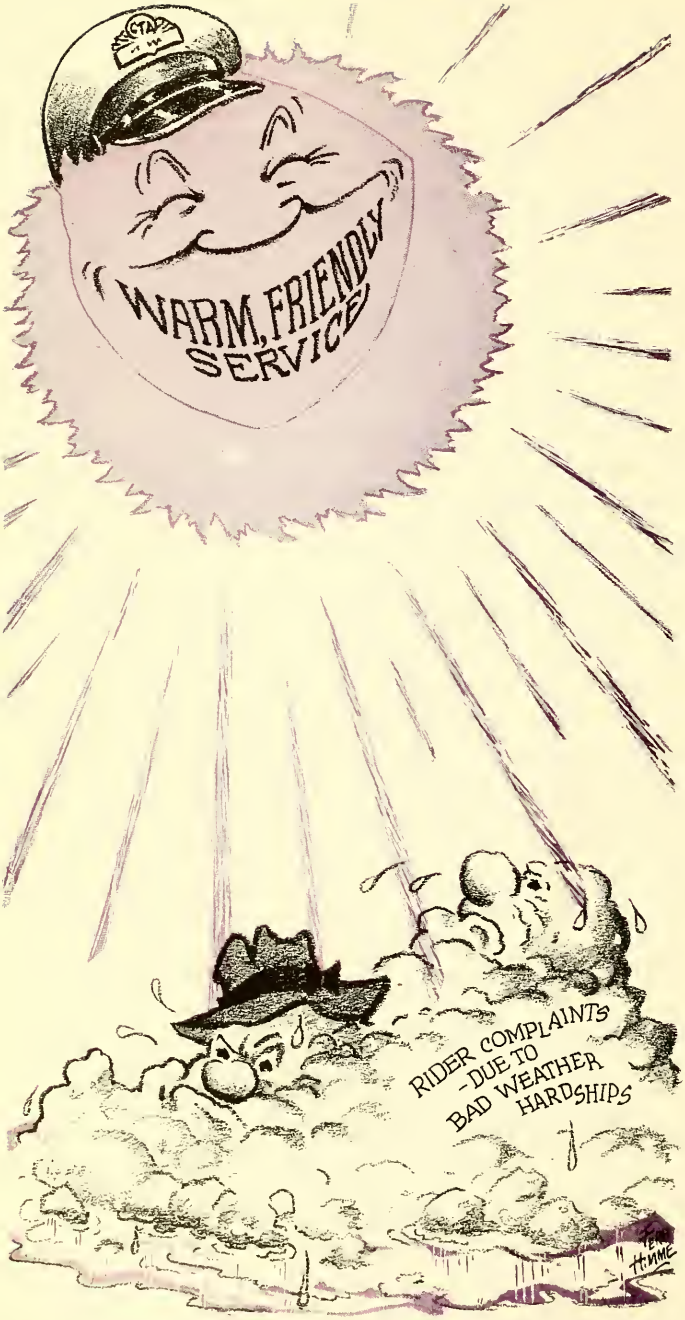


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REPRESENTING 8,300 operating employes were five CTAers who recently took part in activities marking CTA's safest year-1970. Operating Manager C. E. Keiser congratulated them for their part in setting the new safety record and presented each of them with a memento of the record-breaking year. Shown in the picture are, from left, Janitor Patrick Hoban, Bus Operator Joseph Kovatz, Mr. Keiser, Ticket Agent Mary Ritter, Conductor Lowrence Few, and Motorman Elton Williams.

# Operating Employes Feted

A CELEBRATION is just what is called for when a record is broken--and the new public accident record set by CTA operating employes in 1970 is no exception.

The year 1970 was the safest in CTA history. In fact, there were 1,265 fewer accidents than in 1964, the previous safest year--and that represents a decrease of 9.5 per cent.

CTA management was eager to show its appreciation for this accomplishment and recently treated personnel at all 21 operating stations to free coffee and rolls. Each of the male employes involved was presented a tie clasp which can be worn with great pride. Female ticket agents were given CTA pens.

The first to receive these safest year mementos were five CTAers who represented the 8,300 operating employes. The group included a bus operator, a conductor, a motorman, a janitor, and a ticket agent. While making the presentation in the CTA Board Room, Operating Manager C. E. Keiser congratulated each one of the five CTAers individually and expressed his personal thanks to all operating employes for setting a new safest year record.

General Manager T. B. O'Connor expressed appreciation for establishing the new record on behalf of all CTA employes. Commenting on the steady downward trend in public accidents since 1948, he stated that setting a new record despite increasing traffic on city streets can be attributed to the training and skill of CTA personnel. "Judging by the accident statistics for the first quarter of 1971," Mr. O'Connor continued, "it looks like CTA is heading for another safest year. In these days of rising costs, accident reduction makes an important contribution toward holding expenses down."

Contributing much to CTA's new safest year record were seven operating stations which made 1970 their own safest year by beating their previous best year. On the surface system, the stations are 77th Street, Keeler, North Avenue, 69th Street, North Park, and Lawndale. On the rapid transit system, Ashland established its new safest year in 1970. Special plaques were provided for each of the seven stations and were accepted on behalf of operating personnel by the station superintendents.

## Surface System Shops Win Maintenance Award

LOOKING WITH pride upon the Maintenance Efficiency Award which was won by the Shops and Equipment Department are, from left, G. J. Clark, superintendent of shops and equipment; J. W. Dain, superintendent of surface system garages; J. A. Rosendhal, superintendent of surface shops, and J. J. Repplinger, superintendent of surface system shops and garages.

The award was presented by the editors of Fleet Owner Magazine, the nation's leading business magazine serving bus, truck, and automotive fleets. CTA received the award because bus maintenance efficiency continued to improve during 1970, in spite of the increasing age of its fleet which cannot be replaced because of a lack of funds for new equipment.

*OUR COVER: Displaying one of the new rapid transit baseball signs on a North-South route train is Transit Board Member and Chicago Cubs baseball star Ernie Banks. The two-sided signs, which are carried before all home games, include messages on an orange background for Cubs games and on a blue background for White Sox games.*

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THOMAS B. O'CONNOR
GENERAL MANAGER

TO ALL EMPLOYES:

Once again, Chicago Transit Authority will conduct a month-long campaign to acquaint employes with the benefits of purchasing U.S. Savings Bonds through the payroll savings plan. During the month of May, all employes will be contacted by a fellow worker and given the opportunity to begin a savings program or add to their present program.

The interest rate of Savings Bonds is now $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ when held to maturity of 5 years, 10 months. This higher rate makes them more desirable than ever when they are held for a long-range savings goal. Savings Bonds are a convenient, painless way to save for your children's college education, to save for a new home or car, or to establish a retirement fund to add to your CTA retirement plan. The fellow employe who contacts you can provide information about the advantages of a long-range savings plan.

The payroll savings plan makes it easy for you to save. CTA does the bookwork, and you reap the benefits. The amount you put into the plan each pay period is shown on your check stub as a "deduction", but in reality it is an allotment, payable to you with interest when you cash a bond. And you pay no State income tax on the interest you receive.

I urge you to give careful consideration to this opportunity to sign up for the payroll savings plan or to increase your present allotment. Remember, U.S. Savings Bonds mean security for you as well as for your country.

T. B. O'Connor

# Take stock in America.

## Now Bonds pay a bonus at maturity.

# Medically Speaking

## by Dr. George H. Irwin

MEDICAL STATISTICS show that emotions and functional or nervous disorders affect 70 per cent of the people in the United States in the course of a lifetime.

An emotion is a strong feeling or internal impulse toward open action. Emotions may be divided into positive and negative groups. In the positive group we have love, hope, trust, courage, faith, joy, and optimism; most of which are beneficial to our health. In the negative group are greed, anger, disgust, grief, fear, jealousy, worry, and pessimism; which usually have a harmful effect on our health.

Functional disorders include those conditions or illnesses which are emotionally produced. They do not cause tissue destruction, but their symptoms are brought about by abnormal physiology of our body. Organic diseases such as cancer, tuberculosis, and appendicitis are different because they do cause tissue destruction.

Some of the common functional disorders are:

1. Psychosomatic disturbances—indigestion, constipation, nervous diarrhea, colitis, many skin rashes, certain types of rapid heart, much impotence, nausea, nervous tremors, insomnia, and wet hands and feet.

2. Hypochondriac—this person accumulates miseries, complains of aches, pains, weakness, and displays self-pity. He takes many different medicines every day and often lives to a ripe, medicated old age.

3. Chronic anxiety state—reasonable anxiety can often be a spur to proper behavior. If, however, it is carried to excess it will have a harmful effect on one's health.

4. Depressions are characterized by fatigue, apathy, discouragement, self-blame, and a feeling of uselessness.

5. Ineffectiveness—people who fiddle their lives away, both mentally and physically, without accomplishing any definite good. Many do not want the responsibility of success and they are so afraid of failure that they never succeed.

6. Chronic sour dispositions characterize people who rarely smile or laugh, offer no boosts for others, and have "down" attitudes on most everything.

7. The projectors generally say "You are not too hot yourself." They feel that everyone else is to blame. Fault-finding people project their own faults and then ascribe them to others.

8. Eating disturbances are very common and are physically and emotionally handicapping. Obesity is four-fifths psychological. One-fourth of the population in the United States is seriously overweight. Compulsive eating and compulsive use of alcohol are on the same basis.

9. Marital difficulties—although the majority of people marry, it can be a difficult adjustment. Marital problems are similar for all human beings. A good marriage, however, makes for healthier adults and happier children. It requires constant, intelligent, and loving effort.

10. Social and work problems—for example, how does man or woman meet society's prejudice against divorce? Or a young woman adjust to widowhood? What is a healthy attitude toward work, toward one's superior and toward a fellow workman? A good fellowship, teamwork, and unselfishness are the answer to many of these problems.

11. Aging produces difficulties that are physical, psychological, and social. No one can deny or laugh off these real situations. Most people are never ready for old age and do not like to be handicapped by it, but as Maurice Chevalier says, "I certainly prefer it to the alternative."

12. Intemperance—dependence on alcohol, tobacco, and drugs is increasing. This is because man mistakingly is trying to find some tranquilizer to make him more comfortable.

The treatment or management of functional disorders is an extremely complex one. Primarily, one must strive for better health, both physically and mentally.

To achieve better health, the right balance of all our activities is very important. This can be accomplished by the proper amount of work, rest, exercise, play, and general hygiene. At different periods in life these activities may have to be rearranged somewhat. In general, however, set up a program and stick to it.

Next, one must learn to control the harmful emotions. This is difficult but it can be done through re-education, understanding, self discipline, and personal adaptation to the realities of life.

Most of man's difficulties are the result of personal maladjustment and failure to make a complete readjustment to an entire situation. If intelligent control is to be restored and maintained, the individual must first adapt to the circumstances of his life as they are and then to himself as he is.

Once the decision is made and the adaptation or change started, it is easier to control emotions and make the necessary changes to better our living.

The theory of re-education is this: just as an individual can be physically retrained in new habits of walking or talking, so can he be retrained in new habits of thinking, feeling, and acting.

# Transit Board Approves Isabella Station Closing

THE LIGHTLY-USED Isabella station on the Evanston rapid transit route was closed Friday, April 30, after the evening rush hour. Chicago Transit Board, in its continuing efforts to economize and improve service, authorized closing the station at the April 8 meeting.

Less than 250 passengers entered the Isabella station on an average weekday, making it the weakest of CTA's 149 rapid transit stations. The 130 passengers per day who walked to the Isabella station are within reasonable distance of either the Linden or Central stations, each only two blocks away. Both have adequate capacity and better facilities for serving these riders. Their platforms have full-length canopy protection. Furthermore, at Linden terminal riders may sit in comfort on a train while awaiting leaving time.

Kiss-n-ride and park-n-ride passengers who represented 40 per cent of the station's users could be accommodated at the Linden station, two blocks to the north, where CTA maintains a paved and lighted parking lot in which adequate space is available. Closing of the station will benefit the neighborhood by eliminating on-street parking by non-residents.

Service was improved for the more than one-half million passengers per year who use Linden station and who were delayed twice each day by the stop made at Isabella to serve an average of only one passenger per train.

About $15,000 per year will be saved in agent's wages, maintenance, heating, lighting, and power costs for starting and stopping trains.

# Suggestion Committee Names 28 Award Winners

IN ITS report for the first quarter of 1971, the Employe Suggestion Plan announced the adoption of 28 suggestions which were submitted by CTA employes.

Three employes who received cash awards of $25 each for their accepted ideas were Chester J. Majerowicz, Engineering-West Shops; Ronald A. Seno, Transportation-Jefferson Park rapid transit, and Raymond Spatzek, Shops and Equipment-South Shops.

Winning $25 cash awards for submitting their second adoptable suggestion within a year were two General Office and two Transportation employes: Mary Ann Bohat, Claim Department; Bernadette Kizior, Electrical Department; Raymond G. Frenette, Lawndale Station, and James R. Schumpp, North Section. All of the above cash award winners also had their choice of incentive awards—a $7 gift certificate or a lighter/tape rule set.

Named for honorable mention awards because they submitted their first adoptable suggestion, making them eligible to receive either a Jewel-Osco gift certificate or Zippo lighter/tape rule set, were: General Office—William Cline, Reproduction Services; Regina H. Daren, Medical; Garfield Francis, Photographic; Bernadette Kizior, Electrical; Mary A. O'Reilly, Claim; Arthur J. Pinelli, Office Services, and Harold J. Rowbottom, Traffic Planning. Shops and Equipment—John R. Kalinowski, Oscar A. Landor, and Frances E. Louward, all of South Shops; Martin Hennessy, Skokie Shops, and John J. Ward, Forest Glen Garage. Transportation-Surface—John J. Jearas and Walter Lemons Jr., both of Limits Station; Henry E. Farley, 77th Street Station, and John R. Tosch, Keeler Station. Engineering—William C. Chamerlick, Donald L. Johnson, and Donald L. Rouse, all of West Shops. Utility—John C. Miller, Blue Island. Transportation-Rapid Transit—James R. Schumpp, North Section.

## PLAN 1971 CTA GROUP TOUR FOR SEPTEMBER

TAKING ADVANTAGE of the cost-savings afforded by traveling in a group, CTA employes have been enjoying vacations to scenic areas around the world for several years now. And for the aspiring globe-trotter, the 1971 tour will certainly be no letdown.

The Orient is being considered for a 23-day tour in September. The itinerary includes stops in Japan, Formosa, Philippines, Hong Kong, Malaysia, and Thailand.

Active and retired CTA employes who are interested in learning complete details about the Orient tour should write to Miss Jane Mitchell, Chicago Transit Authority, Merchandise Mart - Room 734, P. O. Box 3555, Chicago, Illinois 60654.

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# THE INSIDE NEWS

## AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**ACCOUNTING (General) -**

We were greatly shocked and bereaved by the demise of CTA Board Chairman GEORGE L. DeMENT on Saturday, March 13. Our sympathy and condolences go to his family. Your scribe wishes to thank everyone in all sections of the Accounting Department for their contributions toward a memorial in his memory... Pensioner HARRY E. TANNHAUSER of Revenue Accounting passed away on March 5. We extend our sympathy to his wife and family. It is still fresh in our memory that he came to this office to attend a retirement party and visited with his many friends...A welcome back goes to HARRIET KRYZAN upon her return to work after having surgery. She is feeling better and looks well...A welcome back is also extended to VIRGINIA HARRER after her recent illness...HAROLD F. BROWN, assistant general accountant, spent a week golfing in Biloxi, Mississippi. His companions in this outing were JOHN O'CONNOR of Research and Planning, and PATRICK McCARTHY of Engineering. Part of the trip was devoted to a weekend in New Orleans. By the look on their faces as they returned to work they had a very good time...On her vacation, GERI LA VINE spent five days in Curacoa. It is an island in the Dutch West Indies and probably the most popular among tourists. The climate was ideal, never any higher than 83 degrees. Her stay there included some gambling in the casinos, a tour of the island, and shopping for some marvelous buys in jewelry, perfumes, and souvenirs. We in this department wish to extend a farewell to Geri. She successfully passed tests and will transfer to a new position in the Stores Department. She will be a short distance from our area and we will still enjoy seeing her every day...On her vacation, STELLA CIEZADLO flew to Miami Beach, Florida, by Delta 747. Her companions were two cousins, JULIA and KATHERINE, and they stayed at the beautiful Golden Sands hotel for nine days, taking in the surrounding sights and enjoying the sun. They also stayed at Ocean 71 hotel and enjoyed the crystal clear pool and private beach. Then they spent some time in the Johnina hotel in Miami Beach enjoying these surroundings. From there they went to St. Petersburg, Florida, where they stayed five days at the Sunny Harbor motel, going out daily to take in the sights and enjoy the sunshine. That's a beautiful tan you've acquired, Stella... PHYLLIS WHITE successfully passed the tests for a new position in the Claim Department and will be leaving this department in a few weeks to take up her new duties. Good luck and happiness in your new position, Phyllis.

*- Jeanne Fitzgerald*

**(Payroll) -**

Our deepest sympathy is extended to JOANNE STASI whose mother, Mrs. HELEN PARIS, passed away on March 11...One doesn't have to travel too far to discover interesting places; MARGE ORGAN found many unique antique shops in the picturesque town of Wilmot, Wisconsin, which is also noted for its ski resorts. Although Marge didn't participate in the sport, she was satisfied to be a spectator, and also enjoyed the quaint little restaurants in that area... VALERIE BOWMAN, DOROTHY NYCZAK, and ROSEMARY KENNY took part of their vacations for relaxation and recreation and to enjoy visits with friends...We all are looking forward to spring and the warm weather which will enable us again to enjoy many activities in the great outdoors.

*- Clara Lawrence*

**BEVERLY -**

This has been a very sad month for a lot of people, but for me, they say when it rains it pours. First, WHITNEY YOUNG passed on and was a very close friend of my family, then CTA Board Chairman GEORGE L. DeMENT who was a friend of all of us at CTA, and then RICHARD GILMORE, the policeman who was slain, who was like a brother and was a former CTA bus operator at 77th Street...Two of the loaders at 95th and Dan Ryan are off sick, W. JOYCE and JOE LAUTERBACH. Here's hoping they have a speedy recovery...Supervisor J. W. CLAYTON retired on April 1, and MARTENS had a sign hung on him reading, "I'm number one, at last."..Operator BANKS goes out of his way to find checker players. The fellows in the train room at the "L" even call him champ... Supervisor W. CLAIBORNE really has something to crow about. His wife gave birth to a little girl, two months early, and wife and baby are doing fine.

Congratulations to GEORGE B. EVANS, CTA Security, and his wife who are the proud parents of a baby girl, KIMBERLY ANN, born on March 21. Superintendent GEORGE E. EVANS is the proud grandfather, and is ready to take her for a stroll in the park...Operator CLARENCE COWAN is on the commendation list again, and he is one of the best. He believes in practicing brotherhood week every day in the year. If everyone followed this rule and judged each man on his self-respect, this would be a better world to live in. Keep up the good work, Clarence...We express our deepest sympathy to Pensioner JOHN CASSIDY in the loss of his wife; to Operator B. BARNES in the loss of his wife, and to Operator BOB TIERNEY whose father passed away.

*- Tom Daniels & Amos Foster*

**CLAIM -**

Before I get into the news of the article, I would like to say something of "The Generation Gap." A generous donation has been received for a memorial scholarship fund at Mississippi State College for Women in memory of THOMAS J. STEPP Sr., who was the father of our own THOMAS STEPP Jr., locator, and the grandfather of nine. His example of love and generosity will never die...On February 13, the Sharp Corner PTA of Skokie put on a play entitled, "We Did It for Our Kids." Involved in this spectacular production were Mr. and Mrs. JACK CHUNOWITZ and their daughters, and Mr. and Mrs. MIKE VITALE and their children. The presentation was a lot of work for everyone involved, but, as was the title, they did it for their kids... JOYCE VAUGHAN, age 13, the daughter of SAM and WILLIE MAE VAUGHAN, statementman and ticket agent respectively, won a special science award for her participa-

tion in the John Shoop Elementary school science fair. Her project was entitled, "Drugs, It's Problems and Effects." Later, Joyce, along with other top winners, was selected to represent her school in the School District No. 18 science fair...How can a generation gap exist with people who care--care about their childrens' physical and mental health. Children do reflect their parents, and seeing this, it must not go unrewarded...Our annual DAI Credit Union party was a great success. Thank you, CHARLIE MARBLE, for doing the Polka with me...The best of luck, to TERRI KRAMER who has transferred to the Law Department... Congratulations to JOHN J. McGOVERN who now has another little grandchild, JEANETTE ANN LaFLEUR, who was born on March 8. This is his first granddaughter and he is a mighty proud grandfather...Speaking of people who should be proud, my dad, Limits Station Operator FRANK KOUBA, has a new addition to his family, JILL MARIE, who was born on March 16. This is his fourth grandchild.

*- Ruth Kaminski*

**CONGRESS (Agents) -**

JAMES CLARK and his wife, ARMADELLA, became the proud and happy grandparents of a baby boy, CHARLES CLARK Jr., who weighed in at 6 pounds 7 ounces on St. Patrick's day. It was the first child for CHARLES and EMMA CLARK. By the time James is ready to retire, the little baby will be ten and an ideal fishing partner...We wish to extend our sympathy to the family of FRANK DIXON on the loss of their beloved mother, RUTH, for whom services were held in Macon, Mississippi...We were sorry to hear that Pensioner MARGARET NOLAN, our former co-worker, passed away. Since her retirement, Margaret has resided in Cedar Lake, Indiana...THOMAS FREEMAN and his family will cure their spring fever with a trip to Pine Bluff, Arkansas, where they have many friends... MARGARET BLEER's fifth grandchild, JENNIFER BLEER, was born on February 10 and was baptized on Sunday, March 28, at St. James church in Arlington. The happiest and liveliest of all the guests was the baby's great-grandfather who is 94 years old.

*- Julia Brousek*

**CTA POLICE -**

Hello to all from the CTA Police. Excuse us for being silent for so long. All the fine columns by scribes at other stations and departments give this rookie scribe plenty of good ideas to work with. We hope our news will be enjoyable...Our superintendent, A. F. STAHL, just got back from a vacation in the sunshine state. Retired Transportation Department Superintendents KRAUSE, KERR, and ERICKSON were a few of the friends he visited at Bonita Springs and Ft. Lauderdale...Assistant Superintendent N. N. GRAVER claims his new golf clubs are red hot. Anyone for a foursome?..Our sympathy and prayers go to RICHARD GISINER on the passing of his father, ARTHUR...Detective SAM RINI hasn't had his electric organ for long and already he has gotten some offers from some big name places. But Sam has turned them all down; he refuses to go commercial...Organ music was the order of the day at St. Alphonsus church March 27 when EUGENE SPATARO took pretty LYNN ELLEN FLAMMINI for his bride. Happiness and good fortune to the newlyweds...KEN PERRY, the son of HOWARD PERRY, is on the dean's list at Illinois Institute of Technology (it's OK to be on that kind of a list)...AL COOPER and GEORGE EVANS are the first CTA men to be sent through police school. They'll finish a ten-week course at the Chicago Police Academy April 24. Beginning May 31, BRUCE HENDERSHOT and WILLIAM McKENZIE will be attending the six-week course of the Illinois State Police Training Institute at Champaign-Urbana...The recent job training bulletin for our department resulted in applications from 144 men. Our thanks to all these men for their interest in the CTA Police...BRUCE HENDERSHOT and JOHN FIRLINGER cleared up quite a few complaints when they made an arrest at Adams-Jackson in the Dearborn. Eleven victims signed charges...PAUL WALLACE and ROY SCHNEIDER arrested an armed man robbing the agent at 40th & Indiana. This arrest cleared up four other robberies on the rapid...WILLIAM JAQUEST got a letter of commendation from General Manager T. B. O'CONNOR for his work in preventing the robbery of a cab driver on North Wells street. Congratulations to all these men on a job well done!..Happy birthdays to HAROLD EICHAKER April 16, RAY WISNIEWSKI April 17, ROBINSON April 22, ROY SCHNEIDER April 24, JAY JONAS April 27, STEFFIC and LAATCH April 29, and DALE POTTER and RINI April 30...For benefits and good times join a police organization. See Sergeant TOM SULZER for the St. Jude League; Sergeant PETE GENUTIS for AMVETS - Police Post 18; Detective DAN MARTINIAK for the Fraternal Order of Police, and Detective PAUL WALLACE for the Illinois Police Association. South and Central unit men and footmen don't be bashful, send news about your areas to the office, in care of your scribe.

*- Timothy O'Mahony*

**ELECTRICAL (General Office) -**

The chill winds of March didn't bother MARIE HAVLIK because she, along with her mother and sister, RUTH, of the Schedule Department, vacationed in Hawaii. They visited the Islands about a year ago, and no doubt found it just as wonderful the second time around...Happy to hear that DEL TOSH, chief power supervisor, is home from the hospital and recovering rapidly from his recent illness...TONY

IN THE proud tradition of his family, ROBERT NORSTROM is now serving in the armed forces of the United States as did his father, VERNE NORSTROM, and grandfather, WALTER SIMONSON. Pictured at a recent family gathering are, from left: KYLE KING, CAROL NORSTROM, Verne, Robert, Walter, LORRAINE NORSTROM, and LOIS KING. Verne is a West Section foot collector.

LOVELY JOYCE VAUGHAN, age 13, recently won a special science award for her participation in the John Shoop Elementary school science fair. Her proud parents are SAM and WILLIE MAE VAUGHAN, Claim Department statementman and South Section ticket agent, respectively.

ANDREWS, engineering assistant and our all-around athlete, bowled a 604 series with his Tuesday evening league. This isn't too unusual for Tony who also does pretty well in baseball, football, basketball, and tennis. He is definitely not a spectator sportsman but is right in there where the "action is."..Happy Springtime.

*- Kay McAlister*

**(Blue Island) -**

Well here we are in the month of April--time for spring vacations. ANDY BOURNE and his wife, MARIAN, spent a week in Palma, Spain; Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES SCHUMAKER visited for two weeks in sunny California, and NELLIE and RALPH JOSSI traveled by car to Key West, Florida. Received a card from Pensioner J. WATERS who was vacationing in San Jose, California...Our regular corned beef dinner in the Green Room at Blue Island was a huge success. In attendance were: O'SAUVE, O'MATUSZEWSKI, O'DORGAN, O'COYNE, O'BOOTH, O'KUTCHINS, O'LOOS, O'CHARLETON, O'STAUNTON, O'LUNDIE, O'KURTIN, O'GIBBONS, O'NESSLER, O'POWELL, O'DAMROW, O'ARDUINI, O'FRIEDL, O'CANNUCI, and one colleen, DOROTHY O'DOLJANIN...RICHARD DORGAN is a grandfather for the third time. His daughter, MARY LOU, presented him with a granddaughter, KAREN ESTHER, on March 6. The proud father is STANLEY KORSGREN. A baby boy, ALLEN LEE AUSTIN III, was born on March 18 to ALLEN and KAREN AUSTIN. Congratulations to all of you...They say every little bit of news helps, so everyone take note and keep those notes coming in...Our deepest sympathy to PETER CALIFF and his family in the loss of their son, JAMES P. CALIFF, in Viet Nam...Until the next issue, keep that news coming.

*- William Rehder*

**ENGINEERING -**

April showers bring May flowers, and also bring a new reporter to the Transit News staff. Your new "Snooper-Scooper" is LINDA LE MONNIER, a stenographer in the Engineering Department. I will be taking over as reporter for CAROL BRADAC who resigned from CTA last month and is presently attending beauty school and really enjoying it. Good luck, Carol. Please bear with me on my first few writings for the Transit News, as I am a little inexperienced at this sort of thing...I would like to take this opportunity to welcome DARLENE JANSEN to this department. She is the new posting clerk taking over where Carol Bradac left off. She came to the Engineering Department from the Purchasing Department where she was a clerk-typist. I hope you will be happy here Darlene...PAT FLYNN, who was temporarily assigned to the Engineering Department, has now been permanently assigned as a clerk-typist. Pat is presently doing part of her work in the presence of the Drafting Section where she has been tagged with the nickname Giggles, for very obvious reasons...Our Civil Engineering Section was really out vacationing this month starting with PAUL SWANSON and his wife, INGE, and their two-year old son, SCOTT, who left Chicago's cold weather, drove for two days, and arrived in Bradenton, Florida, where they were greeted with 80 degree weather (what more could you ask for). Among their activities were: swimming in the Gulf and soaking up the sun; visiting Ringling Brothers Circus museum and grounds; hitting a few golf balls, which is Paul's favorite sport aside from girl watching, and touring Busch Gardens in Tampa. They mainly "bummed around" for a week but enjoyed every minute of it...CHESTER (Rusty) RUSAKIEWICZ and his wife, MARY, spent a week in California visiting their son, ROBERT, who is stationed at Travis Air Force Base. Together the three of them toured Sacramento, Fairfield, and San Francisco. Along the way they visited the Napa Valley wineries where they named themselves the official tasters; they took a ferry boat ride on the San Francisco Bay, a bus tour of the Muir Woods, and just enjoyed every bit of the beautiful sunny weather. Rusty and Mary returned home to Chicago on one of United's 747's which was really a thrill and an enjoyable experience...PAT McCARTHY spent a "hilarious" week vacationing in New Orleans, Louisiana, and Biloxi, Mississippi. Pat, along with HAROLD BROWN and JOHN P. O'CONNOR, drove there and back together. They spent their entire vacation golfing and eating sea food. He said their stay there was hectic, but every minute of it was great. Fore!..JOHN B. (Jack) O'REILLY sold his house this month in Evergreen Park, Illinois, and is now back in Chicago renting a large apartment. He said the reason for selling his house was so that he could have more free time to play with his granddaughter, CHRISTINE. Good luck in your new apartment...We are all sorry to hear about JIM JOHNSON's loss. We know Jim will greatly miss his gall bladder. Seriously, Jim, we all hope you will be back on your feet real soon and back to work. Also, a concerned get well wish to FRED PETRINO who was suddenly taken to the hospital on Monday. Hope it's nothing serious, Fred...We were all sorry to learn that HELEN LOFTUS passed away on April 6, 1971. She had just left Real Estate on a disability pension on April 1. Our condolences to her husband, WILLIAM J. LOFTUS, and her family. She was well liked and will be missed by her many friends.

**(West Shops) -**

First on the agenda for this month is to mention a long forgotten item that should have been in the January issue of the Transit News. PATTY GILL, painter foreman, and his son attended the Cotton Bowl football game in Dallas, Texas, on New Year's day. Sure sorry about that Patty, but better late than never. Now you can send this article to Ireland like you had planned to do in the first place... Bricklayer PAT DOYLE was recently blessed with number seven, a fine baby girl. Congratulations are certainly in order...We're glad (smile) to see Laborer GENE REID, better known as "the mouth" of West Shops, back to work

after being off quite some time recovering from a recent operation...Recent vacationers are: GEORGE JERALD, carpenter, who enjoyed a lovely two-week vacation in Florida; BILL HEFFERNAN, track foreman, spent one week at home helping his wife convalesce after having a recent operation, and WILLIAM HASKINS, assistant steamfitter foreman, vacationed in Florida for three weeks... Once again the annual Engineering Department retirement party is upon us. This year the event will be held Friday, May 7. Those of us who did not attend in recent years because the event was held on a Thursday night, will not have to miss out this year. The party will be held in the Peacock Room, 6146 W. Cermak road. Cocktails are served from 6 to 7 p.m., and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Dinner will be family style with plenty of variety for everyone. There is also dancing after dinner with music provided by a lovely orchestra. So CTAers let's support our 14 retirees being honored for their many years of faithful service to the company.

*- Linda LeMonnier & Mary Gallon*

**FOREST GLEN -**

Men, please take notice of our yardman. He is none other than WOODY OWENS, a fine gentleman who can give and take a joke...A surprise party was given for DANIEL MOLINARE of Park Ridge by his children, Mr. and Mrs. RUDOLPH MOLINARE and Mr. and Mrs. ALLEN BLUME, and his six grandchildren. Daniel retired on January 1 after 27 years of service...I've noticed that some of our depots have a "Clerk of the Year." Well, we here at Forest Glen will place Clerk PHIL MANGAN up for our station. This is one clerk you have to see to appreicate. His smile is from ear to ear, and he is letting his hair get a little long in the back. Along with operating small train sets at home, he has gone into bus building on a small scale...Welcome home, STEVE PANTOS. This young man is the son of one of our outstanding bus operators, CHRIST PANTOS... Operator PONDEL got all the way to work and discovered that he had the wrong hat on, so it meant a round trip for the old boy. Anyway, he made it back on time. Pondel, please check yourself a little better after this...Supervisor BILL LANE was spotted, again, trying to take over the janitor's job. Keep it up, Bill, and you will be named supervisor of the year at Forest Glen...A happy birthday to C. LAST. I'm not sure if you said 49 or 59, but do try and shine your shoes more often...Superintendent EARL PETERSON would like to thank all the men for their safe operation. Keep up the good work men, Mr. Peterson will be happy to get coffee for us again. Also, thanks to the credit union for the rolls last time. Let's make them cough up again...Speaking of our credit union, the fellows are willing to help. Vacations are coming up, so drop in and pick up some extra cash...Supervisor "Sweet Lips" LOFTUS will be on the terminal board for a month, so be kind to the old man. Operator LAST and myself (WILBUR) would like to say thanks for inviting us over for a bite to eat. But, fellows, if you ever stop at his lovely home, you will have to eat in the garage...Operator WEISS will be leaving us on May 1. He plans to ride the buses giving advice to all the operators...Very happy to have GENE BOHANNON back after being off for a few months due to illness. Gene is now a loader, and looking very healthy...Operator TOM MEAGHER has finally purchased his first new car...HERBERT SCHMIDT hasn't had any new grandchildren lately. He says the more the merrier, at least it keeps him young.

*- W. A. Henry* (Don't call me Wilbur)

OPERATOR RUDY NEURAUTER, Forest Glen, proudly displays the 333 pound blue Pacific marlin he caught while deep sea fishing at Kona, Hawaii, on March 7. It's difficult to say who was thrilled the most; Rudy, or his wife, EILEEN (Murph), of Public Information.

**GENERAL OFFICE (Employment) -**

DONALD RIESS, interviewer IV, and his wife enjoyed a 17-day package tour by flying to such countries as France, Italy, Germany, Austria, and the Netherlands. They also traveled by bus and rail to various cities, and Don got in one day of skiing in Switzerland...LYNN HARRER, employment clerk II, is still on the sick list as of this writing and we hope to see her back at work soon.

**(Insurance) -**

ANTOINETTE (Toni) MISETIC, receptionist, is confined to Passavant hospital, and we wish her a speedy recovery. Get-well cards would be greatly appreicated...The welcome mat was extended to FRANCES CALPIN, temporary receptionist, MARGE HOLMES, hospitalization clerk I, and IRENE HERMAN, hospitalization clerk II...Congratulations are in order for PAT AUGDAHL who was promoted to hospitalization clerk II...Best wishes to TERRY MNICHOWICZ who left the company to await a blessed event.

**(Treasury) -**

ROD HEFFERNAN, assistant to the treasurer, is the proud owner of a new Ford station wagon...Treasurer C. H. GRUBE and his wife drove to Mobile, Alabama, for a vacation and to visit with their son, EDWARD, who is a teacher there.

**(Employe Relations) -**

Wedding bells rang for SUSIE STENZEL, clerk-typist, when she became Mrs. LARRY MUCHA on April 17 at St. Cornelius church. The reception was held at Sokol hall... GERRY McMANAMON, file clerk, flew down to Albany, Georgia, with his mother and brother to be present at the wedding of his brother, VINCE, who is a lieutenant in the navy.

**(Training & Accident Prevention) -**

What a coincidence! Mrs. FABRY, clerk-stenographer, and her husband, RICHARD, took delivery on their new Oldsmobile Cutlass on St. Patrick's day. Its color--lime green...JAMES TRETTON, safety inspector, and his wife celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on February 22 with a visit to the French Quarter in the Palmer House...

C. W. FRANK
41 Years

E. McDERMOTT
45 Years

JOINING THE ranks of the retired April 1 were the four employes pictured here who had 40 or more years of transit service each.

F. R. SMITH
44 Years

G. A. FISHER
46 Years

# NEW PENSIONERS

AARON T. AUSTIN, Painter "A",
South Shops, Emp. 7-30-51
JOSEPH M. BELLAMY, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 1-27-34
JOHN CAMPBELL, Janitor,
West Section, Emp. 11-29-56
JOHN W. CLAYTON, Supervisor,
District A, Emp. 1-24-34
GEORGE A. FISHER, Schedule Maker,
Schedule-Traffic, Emp. 9-7-24
CHARLES W. FRANK, Ticket Agent,
South Section, Emp. 3-1-29
FRANK GOEDE, Conductor,
North Section, Emp. 6-15-43
RICHARD V. HARRIS, Janitor,
West Section, Emp. 1-19-51
REINHOLD E. HIRSCH, Machinist Leader "A",
South Shops, Emp. 4-12-46
JOHN J. KALKA, Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 8-24-37
ALFRED C. KOHLER, Towerman,
North Section, Emp. 10-12-45
GEORGE M. LARSON, Shopman,
Skokie Shops, Emp. 7-17-46
EDWARD McDERMOTT, Clerk,
Keeler, Emp. 6-15-25
JAMES B. McDERMOTT, B Electrician,
Electrical, Emp. 9-3-47
EDWARD J. McWILLIAMS, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 11-7-33
MARTUS MYERS, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 12-19-40
NEWTON J. MYERS, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 4-7-43
JEREMIAH A. O'SULLIVAN, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 7-1-42
ANDREW SCAFIDI, Bus Serviceman,
North Avenue, Emp. 9-5-41
JOSEPH S. SIMEL, Bus Repairer,
Beverly, Emp. 5-10-42
FRANCIS R. SMITH, Instructor,
77th Street, Emp. 10-25-26
EDWARD A. WEISS, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 5-5-42
CASMIR J. WIECHOWSKI, Car Repairman,
Congress, Emp. 3-15-44
WILBUR WILLENIUS, Bus & Truck Foreman,
South Shops, Emp. 7-13-25
JOSEPH F. ZARUBA, Service Truck Chauffeur,
Utility Division, Emp. 4-1-47

### DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

JUANITA V. HARRISON, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 10-26-57
HELEN R. LOFTUS, Steno IV,
Engineering, Emp. 11-22-46
HARRY MINGEE, Painter,
Skokie Shops, Emp. 2-11-46
JESSE F. SIMS, Sr., Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 7-23-52

ERVIN HARRIS, training aide technician 1, turned out to be a supersalesman for the girl scouts in their recent cookie selling campaign. Erv sold 70 boxes of cookies...Speaking of supersalesmen, ART HUBACZ has enrolled several men of Irish descent in the Polish Legion of American Veterans. What's the inducement, Art?

**(Reproduction Services) -**

A luncheon was held on March 25 at the M&M Club for MARYANN DAUKSHIS, typist II, which was attended by her co-workers. She became Mrs. TIMOTHY TRACEY on March 27 at St. Philomena church with the reception at The Lido. Maryann's sister, SHARON HAMILTON, a former CTA employe, was one of the bridesmaids.

**(Medical) -**

Birthday greetings were sent to ARLENE PURALEWSKI, clerk II, who became 21 years of age on March 28.

**(Executive) -**

AILEEN MADDEN, typist, and her husband, JAMES, of the Insurance Department, flew down to Florida for a week's vacation in the sun.

**(Public Information) -**

Aloha! The NEURAUTERS are back to work in a swinging mood. MURPH and her husband, RUDY, bus operator at Forest Glen, came home from the Hawaiian Islands. After touring the islands which included Molokai this trip, they again went sport fishing off the Kona Coast on the charter boat, Kakina, with the best skipper on the island, John Honl and his assistant Tioni Judd. If there is a big fish in this area John will find it. Rudy proved to be a good fisherman when he pulled in a blue Pacific Marlin measuring over ten feet long and weighed in officially at 333 pounds. You can bet they have picture-proof plus that special "glow" when the word "fish" is mentioned...The welcome

mat was extended to MIKE CUSACK who transferred from North Park to become the assistant sales manager in the Charter Section...Also welcomed to the department was MAUREEN O'REILLY, clerk-typist, who transferred from the Claim Department.

**(Research & Planning) -**

Off to Tel Aviv, Israel, at noon on a Thursday and back again at his desk the following Thursday morning, a 14,000 mile round trip for a six-day visit! Who else but our literally "far-out" superintendent, GEORGE KRAMBLES. Called there for consultation by the State of Israel, Mr. Krambles tells us that Tel Aviv is ready for a high-speed subway and coordinated bus-rail system, and where better could they come than to Chicago to find out how to do it? They'll even have a section in the median of a planned expressway, a la Congress, Dan Ryan, and Kennedy. Reports are that the climate is great, the food delicious, the people knowledgeable and industrious. While Mr. Krambles worked on both the Sabbath and Sunday and kept a judicious distance from the Golan Heights, the Jordan River, and Sharmel Sheikh, he did not fail to pay brief respects at the holy places of the Christians, Jews, and Moslems in Jerusalem...JOHN O'CONNOR, together with PAT McCARTHY, structural engineer, and HAROLD BROWN, assistant general accountant, all piled their golf clubs in the old jalopy and drove off to Memphis, Tennessee, for the start of a week's vacation. All that weight in the car must have triggered the blowout they had en route, and using all of their combined skills they managed to change the tire (amazing!). After that little episode, they drove to New Orleans and took a few rides on the streetcars. Many memories are brought to mind when riding one of those old cars. They also visited numerous points of interest in the French Quarter, and, believe it or not, the three little devils visited the cathedral. From New Orleans they went to Biloxi, Mississippi, where they had the best time of all doing what they liked best--golfing. All of them came back with a slight sunburn, and John has inherited the name "Flakey" because his bald head keeps peeling all over the place. All kidding aside though, we're glad they had a nice time. Welcome back!..No decent husband would make his wife cook on her birthday, so NORMAN OSWALD took KATHLEEN out for an evening of wining and dining at the Millionaires Club. A belated happy birthday wish to you, Kathleen.

*- Regina Daren & Eileen Neurauter*

**KEELER -**

Ah April--the month of cleanup, paint up, fix up, and clean out for that income tax. A little boy asked his mommy if it was fact that we came from the dust of the earth. Mommy replied, "Yes dear, that's what the Bible tells us." The little boy said, "Well mommy, I looked under the bed this morning and someone is either coming or going." And thereby lies the tale, fellows. Already I have painters cramps and I'm still working too slowly for a certain lady who granted me the privilege 33 years ago on April 27 of sharing my name. So, VIRGIL, congratulations on snagging such a wonderful prize as me...Garageman ED McDONNELL and his wife, AGNES, made a parlay of 19 years on April 19. Congratulations, kids...Bus Serviceman WILLIE ELLIS Jr. blew out his birthday candles on April 25...Bus Repairman JOHN KOHMAN and his wife, STEFANIE, became proud parents on March 6 when a daughter, DENISE, was born...Repairman RICHARD HARTMAN's

**CUDDLESOME SHARON JONES, the seven-month old daughter of SHIRLEY JONES, West Section ticket agent, and DOYER JONES, bus operator, 69th Street Station, seems to be enjoying her thumb more than being photographed.**

lovely daughter, KAREN, became a very grown-up ten years old on March 23...Sorry we can't have more cheerful news about two more of our good repairmen, as CHARLES BOWMAN has been hospitalized and really missed by all of his co-workers, and likewise KEN SANDRIK. . . Almost fluffed this one--LAWRENCE HOUGHLAND became a proud papa of a baby girl on February 27. I didn't get a cigar, that's why it's belated...It was good to have Instructor JIM HENDERSON around Keeler for a few days, long enough to inform us that JIM Jr. and his new bride, GALE, are honeymooning in Miami...Not to be upstaged, Instructor CHARLEY WEYER entered greetings and happy returns to his wife, LORRAINE, April 12. Poor Chuck hopes April 12 is correct...Operator J. CARSON is no April fool as he birthdayed on April 2, and his twins, JAMAL and JEROME, shared a one candle cake on April 8...Other April good guys are: Operators VALTIERRA, FILIPEK, HODGE, PANCIC, TOSCH, KUGELBERG, BREWER, CUBIE, and WISCHLER. Many, many more birthdays to all you fellows. ..A little late, but sincere verbal bouquets to Operator OTIS HAMPTON and his lovely wife, ADDIE, March 14, who marked the first milestone in, we hope, a long, long chain of marital remembrances...Of course we all can't be as fortunate as GEORGE and FLORENCE HAAK who just returned from their annual deep sea fishing vacation off the Florida Keys...If any of you fellows happened to notice a shortage in your paycheck, be advised that our paymaster, JOHN POPE, also spent a two-week vacation in Florida... Vivacious GLORIA really could ignore April 21 even though it is her birthday. It just doesn't show, Gloria. Incidentally, Gloria is the wife of Operator WILLIAM TABORN...In case you aren't familiar with our elite janitorial staff, be informed that all three men have picked the same jobs again. They are GEORGE LEVENBERGER, E. ZIELKE, and SY GOLDMAN. We lost relief man E. KONKEY to Forest Glen where he became the No. 2 man. George Levenberger just finished remodeling his home, and we are all anxiously awaiting the housewarming invitation...Now, good people, the next half hour of reading will be devoted to our custodial impressario, ERWIN ZIELKE. Until last month, Erwin had never made our column--so now he's making up with a vengeance. First, Erwin and his wife, MARY, celebrated 38 years of wedded bliss February 15. Mary also birthdayed on March 27. His son, E. W. ZIELKE, was promoted to chief salvage agent for the Milwaukee Road on February 1. Ah, good old transportation. His grandson, DONN DIX, of Wheaton, enlisted in the air force

THIS PHOTO taken in September, 1944, shows RUSS KERSHAW and AL SHERIDAN in the doorway of an old Chicago Motor Coach double-decker bus. Russ is now a bus operator at Forest Glen Station, but Al resigned from the CMC before its acquisition by CTA.

and is now stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. Granddaughter LORI SUE and her husband, GARY CLEM, made Erwin a great-grandfather on March 15 when 6 pound 11 ounce CHANDRA LEE CLEM was born. Not to be neglected, his nephew, JOHN MORGAN, who resided in Schaumburg, Illinois, enlisted in the air force reserve and left for Lackland Air Force Base on April 12. Meanwhile, over in Palatine, Illinois, another nephew, RICK KRABBEN HOFT, also got into the act by enlisting in the naval air corps at Glenview, Illinois. So, Erwin Zielke, if you think you haven't received equal coverage by now--SUE ME!..Our good and just boss man, Superintendent R. W. CHRISTIAN, along with the instruction staff wishes to thank the stalwart men of Keeler for their magnificent safety efforts in the past. However, guys, don't let up on those efforts...Well, gang, I know how you feel after receiving those Easter bills plus that tax heartbreak, but just bear in mind that money is like fertilizer--it's not good unless it is spread around.

*- Ernest C. Carter*

**KEDZIE -**

I received a post card from Pensioner JACK WILLIAMS who's down in Florida. In the past year, Jack has traveled over 26,000 miles, and he may even travel more this year. ..Operator J. RICHARDSON and his lovely wife are celebrating their 39th wedding anniversary, also Operator and Board Member W. REYNOLDS and his wife are celebrating their 24th wedding anniversary. Congratulations to you both...Operator R. CARTER is in the Northwest hospital. I hope by the time this issue is out he will be back at work... Don't forget your credit union, save a little each payday and help another in need.

*- Raymond Graham*

**LAWNDALE -**

Lawndale mourns the recent passing of CTA Board Chairman GEORGE DeMENT and we pay tribute to a fine and dedicated personality...Former Assistant Superintendent STANLEY BITEL stopped by the other day and chatted awhile with the fellows, looking like the picture of health and still sporting his debonair smile...Congratulations to Operator and Mrs. STERLING MARTIN on the birth of a daughter, KEISHA LINEA, on March 20, weighing 7 pounds 2 ounces...Former Chief Clerk HERBIE BYERS was recently a passenger on my bus. He was on his way to see JOE NOLAN about the upcoming annual credit union meeting...I recently received a call from the wife of Pensioner JOHN HALVEY who said she had seen John marching down State street in the St. Patrick's day parade. However, Mrs. Halvey didn't recognize the man marching next to her husband. He was none other than Janitor EDDIE KAWCZYNSKI...Former Operator GEORGE PERKAUS stopped by to see a few of his old buddies. It was nice seeing you again, George...Operators BOB WEST and PAUL SPENCER visited the 1971 Automobile Show and came out owning their own new cars...Happy birthday this month to: W. ALLYSON, E. BAINES, D. COPELAND, H. COX, D. DeBUONO, B. HERRON, R. HOLAN, J. JEFFERS, F. JONES, S. JONES, W. KLECKA, E. MILLBROOK, L. MINOR, M. MORGAN, C. RIEP, D. STENNIS, W. STEVENS, T. STEWART, H. TERRY, T. THOMAS, J. VAN OOY, C. WAIR, and W. WALKER...Mr. and Mrs. BILL RUDDLE are happy that their son has returned from Germany and will be stationed in Texas...Well that's all for this month. Remember, play everything with safety.

*- James Marshall*

**LIMITS -**

Welcome to our new station superintendent, L. M. KEAG. May your stay with us be a long and pleasant one. Mr. Keag assumed his new post on March 1...Supervisor F. HENDERSON is back on the active list after being off for four months due to illness... FRANK PRADZINSKI is back in the hospital again after a relapse from his old illness. We all hope that this time you will have a complete recovery...AMBROSE PANICO is now working as a clerk at Limits Station. He reports he likes his work very much... Operator STAN DEMGE became engaged to a lovely girl by the name of JANET recently. The wedding will take place on June 26. Congratulations!..The officers of the Limits Credit Union wish to report that all shares in the credit union are now fully insured up to $20,000...We were all saddened by the untimely death of CTA Board Chairman GEORGE L. DeMENT; he will be greatly missed by all. Though he has passed away, his contributions to the transportation industry will live on. Our sincerest sympathy to his family...We also extend our sympathy to the family of Pensioner J. HUBER who passed away last month...Pensioner CARL LEAF, formerly a motorman with the old Surface Lines, celebrated his 92nd year of life recently. He is now living in the Swedish Covenant home located at Foster and California avenues...Supervisor JOSETTI became a grandfather for the sixth time when his son and daughter-in-law, DAVID and KAY JOSETTI, presented the family with a baby girl, DEBORAH SUE.

*- R. S. Benson*

**LOOP -**

Gang Leader STEVE CUNNINGHAM's Loop cleaning crew certainly keeps our stations looking spick-and-span. The windows at Madison and Wells are a joy to behold, thanks to DON LIBERKO, Steve's No. 1 window man. Don started his vacation on April 11 and said he plans to have fun right here in our own city...K. McKENNY and M. NOLAN had a box-seat view of the St. Patrick's day parade

from their booth at State and Lake...We are glad to have LOUISE DREWS, DOROTHY PARKER, and MARY STANCZYK back off the sick list. All three girls are looking great...JOHN FILIPEK and HERB SAFFRAHN are still off sick, but we hope it won't be too long before both are completely recovered and will join us again...CECYLIA ROPA has been missing from our assignment office and we have missed hearing her voice over the phone. We hear that she is in St. Elizabeth hospital and we wish her a speedy recovery. Hi, from everyone, Ceal, we miss you...JULIE MATTRAN has left the hospital and is recovering from her recent surgery at home. She wishes to thank everyone for their cards and calls during her hospital stay. Hurry back, Julie...Welcome to all our new assignment agents. We wish all of you success in your new jobs...Welcome to new agents MADISON PALMER, LAURA WAYNE (a law student at Circle Campus), and BARBARA MALLORY, a former ticket agent who left but decided to return after the birth of her lovely baby daughter...Another new agent, JOHN ANDERSON, had a birthday on April 11. Many happy returns. . . Belated birthday greetings to ARTHUR JEFFERSON, February 27. You don't look a day older, Art...You could never tell by looking, but Agent BILL PFEIFFER is an old-timer with CTA. Bill celebrates his 25th anniversary with the company in April. Congratulations, Bill, on you those years look good...Agent SHIRLEY TERRY will graduate in June from Chicago State Teachers college. Good luck, Shirley, we know you will make a fine teacher...Agent PEGGY HAYMON has entered the Windy City Beauty Pageant. If wishes can make it so, you have the crown, Peggy. ..On March 15 at 9:23 p.m. in Presbyterian-St. Luke's hospital, a tiny infant weighing 7 pounds 5 ounces entered our world. This birth made GABE BARNES an uncle for the 9th time; 3 girls and 6 boys. Gabe's sister, the mother of the baby, gave him the privilege of naming her son. His choice was LA RON DONNELL. Quite original, Gabe... GEORGE JARREL, our friendly maintenance man, took off in March to visit his daughter and family in Florida. George works hard, and we hope he enjoyed a good rest and had a good time on his vacation.

DOROTHY ADLER became a grandma for the first time last summer and was so proud. Now it seems she is going to catch up with the rest of us in a hurry. Her son and daughter-in-law are expecting a second child shortly, and her daughter is anticipating a September arrival. Dorothy plans to visit her daughter, who resides in California, when she starts her vacation in October. She can hardly wait for the blessed event to happen...It was great visiting with old friends we hadn't seen in a long while at the union meeting on March 23. Some of us had a cup of coffee and a great many laughs together before the meeting...Since the death of Richie the Rodent, MARY GALLAGHER has settled down and is calm, cool, and collected once again. JUNE BAREKMAN is a little lonely though--she misses her little pet... Your co-reporter, MILDRED DOYLE, had the pleasure of visiting with Retired Superintendent LEO BIEN. He asks to be remembered to all and wishes to convey his thanks for the retirement gifts and expressions of friendship he received...Agent SHARON LOVE will take her vacation in June, and if all goes well, she has plans for a trip to sunny California...We all hope that SLIM HOLMES is progressing nicely. Everyone misses him and wishes him well...We hear that Superintendent J. P. HALLAHAN will be vacationing very soon. We hope he will have a nice restful holiday...Belated birthday greetings to the following: JOHN FILIPEK, February 26; JULIE MATTRAN, March 20; Janitor J. DOOREY, April 27; DOROTHY PARKER, March 14; CANDY CARR, the granddaughter of WILBUR STRASSER, is also one year older, and MINNIE DIKEMAN celebrated her birthday along with St. Pat on March 17. Here's hoping you all enjoyed many happy returns of the day...MARY OHNESORGE is home from the hospital and doing very well. Hope to see you back soon, Mary...Congratulations to DOROTHY FORD and DOROTHY DISMANG who received letters of commendation. A pleasant and kindly attitude with the passengers pays off every time. Good work, girls. ..Welcome to new Agent WENDELL VINES. We hope you will enjoy being one of us...DAVID ALLEN is the new gang leader of the cleaning crew in the Dearborn subway and is doing a great job. Keep up the good work, David, and much luck in your new job...Student Agent JOHN DeSTEFANO will graduate in June from DePaul university. John plans to live in Washington, D.C., and will be employed at Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and company, the largest CPA firm in the world. John will be working in their tax department. Congratulations and best wishes for a bright future from all your CTA friends and co-workers...Many happy and peaceful years in the future is our wish for Janitor CAMPBELL who retired on April 1. Keep in touch with us, John, and tell us what you are doing...At this time of year there are so many people on the sick list, we find it hard to get all the names in our Transit News. We do wish you all well and hope you will all be up and around before this issue reaches you...To all our friends, please send us some news. Tell us where you plan to vacation, etc. We will certainly appreciate all contributions. Keep smiling.

*- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wirtel*

**MILWAUKEE, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -**

Spring is sprung! Vacations have been picked and everyone is making plans. Don't forget to let your reporters know how you're going to spend those hot, sweltering summer weeks. Not only are we interested, but so are your fellow employes...It's great to see LOUISE DREWS back to work and looking as healthy as ever. Louise wishes to thank everyone for their cards and good wishes. It sure makes being sick a lot easier when your friends remember you...Assignment Agents MIKE TOBIN and CECYLIA

THIS HAPPY couple is EUGENE and MARY O'ROURKE who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 30 with mass at St. John De LaSalle Catholic church. Gene formerly worked as a District "A" supervisor and retired on July 1, 1957. His son, TIMOTHY O'ROURKE, is a court assistant in the Claim Department.

ROPA are both on the sick list. Hope to see them both back to work soon. We all miss hearing the familiar tune of, "Assignment, Tobin", and "Assignment, Ropa."..Although we try to keep this column as unsensational as possible, we could all use a little spice in our monthly reading. How about a murder? Yes, friends, Richard the Rodent, that friendly little terror from LaSalle and Van Buren has been murdered by the hands of one of our fearless janitors. Just a warning to the rest of you rodents at the CTA--watch out whose feet you get under...JIMMIE SEYMOUR is home from the hospital recuperating. Hope to see her back with us soon...Congratulations to M. MURRAY, M. MATTHEWS, A. CONNOR, A. RAY, and E. JOHNSON who were picked to qualify for the assignment agent pool. Good luck to all of you. I'm sure you'll love it once you learn what it's all about...EARL GILBERT is still in the hospital after suffering a heart attack. Hope to see him back to work soon... Welcome to all the new agents and to re-hired Agents SARAH KETTER and BARB MALLORY. It's good to have you both back with us again...Assignment Agent LILLIAN CULLINAN celebrated her employe holiday on St. Pat's day. It's bad enough Lil gets to be off on the feast of ol' St. Pat, but to be born on July 4, too? Lil, that's what we call a dirty patriotic turkey bird trick. We won't hold it against you, though. You just have as great a day July 4 as you had on your employe holiday...Student Agent GARY STUPKA finally got his new car. It's a '71 Pinto and we hear he's very pleased with it...Superintendent RALPH DeMARIA is back to work after his long stay on the sick list. We're all glad to see him back...It should be made known that the picture Agent GRAGIDO has been showing everyone is the winner and first runner-up of the KATY MORIARTY look-alike contest of 1966. Those pictured were FANNY and FLORENCE FARKLE, not lovely Katy Moriarty and her ravishing sister, KAREN, as he claimed them to be...MARY ANN JOSETTI, the daughter of HOWARD JOSETTI, and the niece of Motorman DAVID JOSETTI, was married to ARTHUR SMITH on March 27. We wish them lifelong happiness...BADER MOHAMMAD's sister, ADELAH, was married on March 21. Student Agent JIM HENDERSON was married on March 27. Congratulations to both young couples...MARY GILBERT and KATHERINE ROBINSON celebrated their first anniversary with the CTA. Hope you both enjoy many more years with us...Our sympathy is extended to Janitors FRANK and LAWRENCE DIXON and their family on the death of their mother...Best wishes to STANLEY KAULES Jr., the son of Collector KAULES, who has joined the naval air corps reserve. Stanley Jr. left for Great Lakes Naval Base on March 19, leaving behind a very proud father...FRED FRIEB spent his 25th anniversary with CTA enjoying the day with his son in McHenry... HELEN CHRISTNER is home from the hospital recuperating. Helen's son was in an auto accident on his way back to Great Lakes and ended up in the same hospital with Helen. Both are doing fine now and we hope to see Helen back to work soon...Six month old TANYA MARIE FLOWERS, the daughter of Collector FLOWERS, is quickly learning the ways of a woman. Not only does she want everything she sees in the store, but now she wants dad to let her get her own credit card. Keep up the good work, Tanya. ..While on his walking campaign across town, Republican candidate for Mayor Richard Friedman visited ROBERT KLUCZYNSKI at Western on the Douglas...Our sympathy to the family of Pensioner MARY MARGARET NOLAN who passed away March 25...ED RHODE spent his one-week vacation in Bellview, Michigan, visiting his mother and brother. Ed had a great time and, as always, just hated to come back. Ed recently purchased a new half-ton Chevy truck. He now has a '65 station wagon for sale. Interested? Call NA5-0413...How about a '69 Olds 442 for a mere $2200? Call 348-8288. Now that we've got our want ads in, anyone interested in some advice?

MARY GALLAGHER has returned from her vacation in Ireland. She has promised to bring back a husband the next time she goes there...Collector VERNE NORSTROM and his wife, LORRAINE, celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary on February 22. Congratulations, and we hope they have many more years together...LILLIAN CONROY and GENEVIEVE HARDING took their pensions on March 1, and we all wish them a long and happy retired life...PETER GURETZ has returned from his vacation in Peru, South America, with a nice tan and looks very rested...Former Student Agent DONNA RICKSON told us she is planning to get married soon...Former West Side Agent CHRISTINE STUPKA is now an assistant biology laboratory instructor at the University of Illinois Medical Center where she is studying pharmacy...Janitors R. HARRIS and JOHN CAMPBELL took their pensions on April 1. Don't get too bored, boys, you can always help around the house. Here's hoping you both have a long and happy retired life...FRED FRIEB bought his first new car, a 1971 Rambler Hornet, and says it is real great...VIRGINIA TOTCKE has returned to work after being off for three weeks due to a respiratory infection... Glad to see NANCY THOMAS back at work after a long illness...Still on the sick list are ELEANOR HASBROUCK and EARL GILBERT. Hope they are well soon as we miss them...BETTY RUSSO returned to work after having surgery, but had the misfortune to slip on the ice and hurt her back, so she was off for another week. Here's hoping she stays healthy in the future...SUE MATTHIEU went into the Mayo Brothers Clinic on March 10 for a checkup. ROSE PATELLARO went there with her. Sue also celebrated her anniversary with CTA in February...Some time ago, Conductor DUTKIEWICZ flagged down a Central Electric Railfan special at Irving Park Station, and received a good scolding from the supervisor in charge. Dutkiewicz was the trip director, and had missed his own trip--so he flagged the train...HELEN CHRISTNER had to go to California on business in February and said she could still feel the effects of the earthquake. Helen decided to stop in Las Vegas on the way back, and came home smiling, contented, and happy. She not only won money, but a husband besides. She was married to FRANK KRALJ on February 17. Congratulations to the lucky couple, it couldn't have happened to a nicer girl...Your co-reporter, GRACE MOUNTS, and her husband attended the North-South annual Credit Union meeting on February 14 and won $5 again. They also attended the Ice Capades in March and had a wonderful time.

*- Grace Mounts & Katy Moriarty*

**NORTH AVENUE -**

The following news item comes from Operator JOE CABAY. Former North Avenue Switchboard Operator RAY STRATTON, better known to us as Red or The Governor, suffered a mild stroke during the middle of January. After a four-week stay in the hospital, he is now home recuperating. Ray is looking forward to returning to his regular post as information clerk at the Mart. He says hello to all of us at North. We extend to him our greetings and best wishes for a speedy recovery and hope to be honored with a visit by him at our station soon...The Repair Depart-

# RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYES

LUDWIG ALTVATER, 90, North Section,
Emp. 8-28-18, Died 2-14-71
CHARLES D. BERRYHILL, 70, Beverly,
Emp. 3-11-26, Died 2-12-71
EDWARD A. BRION, 89, Statistical,
Emp. 9-1-11, Died 1-1-71
CLIFFORD M. BURKE, 70, Congress,
Emp. 7-24-45, Died 2-1-71
HOMER D. CALDWELL, 84, Kedzie,
Emp. 6-6-14, Died 2-12-71
PRINCE H. CAMERON, 65, 69th Street,
Emp. 1-20-44, Died 2-7-71
FRANK T. CHARD, 65, Archer,
Emp. 4-3-43, Died 2-13-71
PETER CORRIDON, 78, Forest Glen,
Emp. 10-20-26, Died 2-3-71
JOSEPH E. CUCULICH, 69, 77th Street,
Emp. 2-8-28, Died 2-2-71
GEORGE L. DeMENT, 67, Transit Board,
Emp. 7-2-63, Died 3-12-71
CHARLES DEVINE, 70, North Avenue,
Emp. 8-16-23, Died 2-5-71
JAMES J. DONNELLY, 68, North Section,
Emp. 8-30-26, Died 3-1-71
ANTHONY J. DRAPP, 64, Wilson Shop,
Emp. 11-26-43, Died 3-1-71
FRANK EARLEY, 83, Devon,
Emp. 10-1-18, Died 2-16-71
THOMAS E. FRANCO, 85, South Section,
Emp. 2-15-45, Died 2-6-71
HERMAN R. GEISLER, 74, Kimball,
Emp. 2-7-40, Died 2-25-71
JOHN GENTILE, 67, Track,
Emp. 5-26-41, Died 2-22-71
MARK A. GIER, 69, Claim,
Emp. 2-27-41, Died 2-9-71
DONALD GILL, 78, North Park,
Emp. 7-9-18, Died 2-8-71
ALFRED HAAS, 73, North Avenue,
Emp. 3-27-43, Died 1-10-71
DOUGLAS G. HALLBERG, 64, North Avenue,
Emp. 2-1-36, Died 2-18-71
JOHN J. HENNELLY, 84, North Section,
Emp. 11-21-12, Died 2-17-71
JOSEPH HODYS, 64, West Section,
Emp. 12-28-26, Died 2-13-71
WILLIAM F. JACKUSAK, 82, West Shops,
Emp. 7-31-18, Died 2-11-71
CAROLINE V. JOHNSON, 79, Shops & Equipment,
Emp. 2-4-19, Died 2-10-71
JOHN S. LANGE, 65, Forest Glen,
Emp. 6-24-29, Died 2-22-71
GEORGE MALIK, 61, 69th Street,
Emp. 3-23-42, Died 3-26-71
DANIEL MALONEY, 69, North Park,
Emp. 11-20-25, Died 2-18-71
JOHN P. McCULLOUGH, 67, Archer,
Emp. 10-15-28, Died 2-26-71
JOHN McDONALD, 69, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 3-30-26, Died 2-3-71
MICHAEL F. McNICHOLAS, 67, North Avenue,
Emp. 9-19-42, Died 2-27-71
WALTER F. McNICHOLAS, 74, 69th Street,
Emp. 1-13-20, Died 2-21-71
PATRICK McPOLIN, 79, 77th Street,
Emp. 12-30-19, Died 2-10-71
JOHN M. MUELLER, 73, North Park,
Emp. 2-3-20, Died 2-27-71
JAMES P. MURPHY, 58, Electrical,
Emp. 11-9-36, Died 3-31-71
JULIUS C. NEBER, 74, Devon,
Emp. 3-2-20, Died 2-4-71
MATTHEW J. O'CALLAGHAN, 63, 69th Street,
Emp. 8-18-37, Died 2-19-71
PETER OLISZEWSKI, 89, North Avenue,
Emp. 2-2-21, Died 12-10-70
JULIA B. O'TOOLE, 78, North Section,
Emp. 5-17-40, Died 2-11-71
FRED J. RADDATZ, 78, South Section,
Emp. 11-1-17, Died 2-21-71
CHARLES J. ROUBIK, 84, Beverly,
Emp. 2-14-23, Died 2-17-71
JOSEPH SAMELAK, 82, West Section,
Emp. 3-3-19, Died 1-29-71
NOBEL A. SHELTON, 71, West Section,
Emp. 1-22-45, Died 2-12-71
JOHN T. SMYTH, 84, Beverly,
Emp. 10-6-09, Died 2-22-71
JOSEPH THOMPKINS, 59, South Shops,
Emp. 8-8-41, Died 2-14-71
GEORGE E. WEICHBRODT, 79, North Section,
Emp. 4-2-13, Died 2-20-71
EDWARD B. WRIGHT, 88, Insurance,
Emp. 5-11-43, Died 1-31-71

ment's EDWARD BARGER, GEORGE SLADEK, and FRANK SWEENEY were on the sick list, but we are happy to report they are back with us now...Operator BILL DIGIOIA joined the ranks of the pensioners March 1. He hopes to spend the rest of his life fishing. MARY, his wife, may have different plans such as having him help make that delicious homemade spaghetti and sausage that Clerk BILL PINASCO tells us about. Bill, we wish you a happy retirement and let us hear from you...All of you would-be private eyes step forward; Pensioner HANS HABBESTAD needs your help. He got a very lovely card from a man named Dan who mentioned that he had not been working since 1963, but who had evidently been a friend of Hans from the CTA. The card came from the Norwegian Coast. During his years with the company Hans knew many Dans but can't figure out who sent this card. Hans and his Mrs. are enjoying their retirement and send their regards to all. We received a letter from another pensioner, our old friend BILL ECHOLS, who is also enjoying his retirement. He says hello to all...DAVID AMOS and his father, Operator AARON AMOS, will be happy to have wife and mother, CATALINA, home from St. Bernard hospital where she has been since early March. They expect to bring her home soon and we hope that by the time you read this she will be in tip-top shape again...RUDY GOODE of South Shops is building a mechanical horse. It is going to be jet powered and have wheels at the bottom. It will also have turn signals at the rear. I understand he is building it for Hopalong Cassidy, sometimes known as BILL KOSEK, because Bill has complained that his horse is too slow and the feed bill

is too high. We are awaiting the day when the mechanical horse will be presented to Bill. He is urging Rudy to hurry so that he can ride it in the Polish Day parade at Humboldt Park. Rudy was also seen at the United States Patent Office; could it be that he is planning to put it on the market? ..We were all saddened by the death of CTA Board Chairman GEORGE DeMENT. CTA lost a fine and dedicated man. Switchboard Operator LOU DRAPP lost his brother. Pensioner MICHAEL McNICHOLAS passed away late in February. Clerk TOM HICKEY lost his mother-in-law. We extend our deepest sympathy to their families. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling...My wife has a birthday April 20. She plans to celebrate it by having surgery at West Suburban hospital...Pensioner ALFRED HALE visited North to say hello to all his friends. He and his better half celebrated their golden wedding anniversary recently. Al, the neat dresser with the bow tie and the friendly smile, was 73 years old on March 23. Many happy returns, Al. He is in fine health and works a part-time job...We hope all of you had a blessed Easter. And to our boys on the battlefields, may the message of Easter, hope, victory, and peace be with you; we all pray that very soon these blessings will be a reality...And now to your "Inner Sanctum" reporter, Switchboard Operator WALTER BLIX...The month of March seems to be the month when some of the nicest people celebrate their birthdays, so here are very belated greetings to just a few. They are: Clerks BOB (The Storyteller) WITTENBERG and EDWIN (Volvo) WITEK; Mrs. M. NEUMAN, the very sweet young lady who is the mother-in-law of Superintendent BILL MOSER; Mrs. KOCAR, the wife of Instructor MARVIN KOCAR; our own better half, VIRGINIA BLIX, and last, but not least, we'd like to stray all the way over to Lawndale Station and extend these wishes to Clerk ED McDERMOTT and send him our best wishes on his retirement April 1. Ed was always a swell person to work with and our association goes all the way back to the days when both of us worked for the old Chicago Motor Coach company. Good luck, Ed...That red carpet that is used for VIP's at North Avenue has been getting a workout lately. It was used to welcome DON LEMM as our new night superintendent. Glad to have you with us, boss. I'm sure all of us will try not to give you too much trouble. We also welcomed back Chief Clerk FRED MURBARGER who was on the sick list for a good while. A very welcome visitor to the office was Retired Instructor SCOTTY McINTOSH. He is a picture of health and is undoubtedly enjoying his retirement. Many is the tongue-lashing we got from Scotty while working on the old red cars. To be sure, they were well earned, but we remained friends...If any of you oldtimers happen to drop around the station for a visit, be sure and drop in the office and ask Superintendent BILL MOSER to show you the enormous picture he has that was taken back in 1923. It shows hundreds of motormen and conductors who worked at North Avenue at that time. Perhaps you'll be able to help identify some of these oldtimers. The picture was taken just outside the station with bays 1, 2, and 3 as a background...End of "Inner Sanctum" news...Pensioner JOE HIEBEL and his wife, CATHERINE, report that they are having a ball at Miami Beach with 75 to 80 degree temperatures.

*- William Miedema*

**NORTH SECTION -**

WALTER G. LINDBERG has returned to work after being confined in St. Francis hospital for surgery...To the following employes goes our deepest sympathy and condolences: Janitor JOHN McCONVILLE and his sister, Agent BETTY FIFE, on the death of their father March 5; Collector JOE GOLDBERG on the death of his brother; Janitor HENRY DILLON on the death of his brother, and Agent M. HICKEY on the death of his father. Our prayers are with each of you...Your scribe wishes to thank each and every one of you for the many phone calls and cards which I received while in the hospital and the visits and kindness of my friends while at home...ED PLATH has returned to us off the retirement list. Welcome back, Ed...Happy birthday to Agent H. BARNES, January 17; A. LUCKY, December 31, and Agent LORRAINE ORR who celebrated on March 28...Collector REYNOLDS' son is home from service after having been wounded several times...Collector JOE GOLDBERG and his wife, BEVERLY, took a vacation to New Orleans. Joe said they really had fun at the Mardi Gras...Do any of you watch Channel 26 on Sunday evenings? If so, look closely and you may see someone you know...At this writing Agents WARDEN MARKS, PAT ROSENGARTNER, and MINNA KING are off sick...West Side Ticket Agent EARLE GILBERT wishes to express his sincere thanks to all his many friends on the North Side for the calls, cards, and gifts. Earle, as I understand, is out of the hospital, but in a convalescent home. ..Belated birthday greetings to Supervisor HUBBARD on the Howard southbound platform...Clerk J. FORTE also had another candle this year...Sorry, fellows, Supervisor HARRY HORN has finished his training for instructor and is now utilizing all his spare time to qualify as a line supervisor. Good luck, Harry...My husband, GEORGE, wishes to thank his friends for the calls, cards, and visits. He's in Forkosh hospital and we hope he'll soon be home...Vacation time is starting, so how about a few items for our paper. We all like to read the news about our fellow employes. Leave it at Kimball Station or Howard Street Station, or call me on Ext. 480, North Side, 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.

*- Tina Henke*

**OPERATIONS (Transportation) -**

Congratulations are wished to BRUNO and STELLA GORSKI who celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary on March 17. The gift Bruno gave his wife was a trip to Florida and the Bahamas, and since he couldn't accompany her, his daughter, LINDA, and one of her girl friends went along. They drove to Florida and flew to Nassau where they stayed for seven days. Shopping was a must and they enjoyed every minute of it, and even brought something back for dad. They went swimming every day and came home with a beautiful tan. The weather was wonderful and they all had a great time...At the end of March, JACK and WANDA KRAUSE came to the Windy City, Chicago, for a short stay and to visit with their many friends. Wanda celebrated her birthday by going to dinner with Jack, BOB and JUNE QUETSCHKE, and yours truly. We had a wonderful time. Incidentally, Wanda was hobbling around with the aid of a cane. No, it's not from old age, but from a mishap suffered when she fell and tore the ligaments in her knee. The next time she visits TOM and DOROTHY SCREEN, I hope she stays off those two-wheeled objects. Happy birthday, Wanda, and we wish you a speedy recovery.

**(Traffic Planning) -**

RICH and NANCY JOHNSON are now the proud owners of a 1971 Delta Oldsmobile. The car is gold and white with an

all white interior, which ought to keep Nancy busy trying to keep it clean. Good luck with the new car.

**(Utility and Emergency Service) -**

NORBERT GEWELKE recently vacationed in the land of sunshine. Yes, Florida was the place where he relaxed and enjoyed the scenery on the beach. He ventured out to Gulfstream one afternoon, but evidently didn't do very good as he didn't go there again. We're happy to say that he had a good time...We received a card from ED KENNEDY who was staying at Winter Haven, Florida, which happens to be the training camp for the Boston Red Sox. Ed went there to see his son preparing for the forthcoming baseball season. ..MIKE, the son of JIM ROCHE, is now wearing the uniform of the U.S. Army and is stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington. Good luck, Mike...We're happy to see that WALTER RAKAUSKIS and LARRY HEISE are back to work after being off sick. We wish a speedy recovery to RICHARD O'GORMAN who is presently off sick and is now home recuperating...We extend our condolences to BOB CASEY whose brother recently passed away.

*- Colette Szczepanek*

**PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -**

Hello, and a happy spring to all of you...DAGMAR McNAMARA, Purchasing, looks so healthy; and what with the gorgeous weather she had while vacationing in the Caribbean we can understand why. She tells us with glee that she had an extremely joyous trip. Miami Beach was the first stop where she and her companions spent ten days. Two of her companions, by the way, are CTA employes, JANE MITCHELL of Executive and LaVERNE SCHULTZ of Office Services. They left from Port of Miami on the ship Boheme for a luxurious seven-day cruise. Dagmar shopped in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, with intentions of a brief visit with Mr. and Mrs. McCARTER, formerly General Manager of CTA, but because of a late arrival she was unable to do so. They continued on to San Juan, Puerto Rico. Rough waters prevented them from landing in Haiti; however, it was said by them that "the cruise is the thing" and a wonderful time was had by all. What a lovely way to spend a vacation, Dagmar...What wonderful news. Your co-reporter, CATHY RASCHICK, Stores G.O., and HARRY CLOUGH became Mr. and Mrs. on March 9. They had a very lovely reception at the Red Lion in Steiger, Illinois, which included family and close friends. A one-week honeymoon followed. They viewed the White House in Washington, D.C., visited Arlington, Virginia, and parts of Maryland. Much happiness is extended to this couple in their future years together...DARLENE JANSEN, Purchasing, has transferred to the Engineering Department and will certainly be missed. You are close enough to visit us, though, Darlene...GEORGE LINDEN, assistant divisional storekeeper at Skokie Shops, is all radiant on hearing he will be a grandfather! His son, ALLEN, and his wife, LYNN, (nee Klopp, formerly of the Insurance Department), are awaiting the arrival of a child sometime in October. You'll have to come to the Mart to pass out cigars when the baby arrives--and bring along some Tiparillos for the ladies, George...On the other side of the city is located South Shops; and there, sitting at her desk typing away is JACKIE McLEAN, typist I, who is also awaiting a visit from the stork in the very near future. Jackie will be leaving the Stores working force in April, and at this time, we want to say she will be missed by many of her co-workers. The very best to you, Jackie, and to your husband and also the new addition to your family...JOHN C. WILLIAMS, laborer, Storeroom 20, Blue Island, is the happy father of a bouncing baby girl, DENISE, who weighed in at 6 pounds 5 ounces. She entered the Windy City on February 27. Much happiness is extended to this very happy family...That's all the news for this month, folks. We hope to hear from many of you next month.

*- Cathy Clough & John Gill*

**RAPID TRANSIT MAINTENANCE TERMINALS -**

Our sympathy to the family of FRANK BENANTI on the passing of his father, GIOVANNI...Condolences to CHARLES TUCKNOTT, Congress, and his family whose two-year old son passed away...Best wishes for a long and healthy retirement are sent to C. WIECHOWSKI, Congress, who retired on April 1...We hope C. GUSICH is happy in his new job as repairman at Wilson...A. LONG paid his old friends at Congress a surprise visit...Our sympathy to BEA SUSMAN of Skokie on the passing of her dad...Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to G. GRILLAERT, Congress, who had seven ribs broken when he was attacked during a holdup...Glad to see C. CARPENTER, Wilson, J. LaROSA, Howard, and J. HOFFSTAD, Howard, back to work after being on the sick list...Welcome to C. DUNLAP Jr., new repairman at Wilson, and to FULTON NEALY Jr., new car serviceman at Dan Ryan...CTA American Legion Post 1216 had their annual birthday party. Leading the festivities was Post Commander JOHN CANNELLA, supported by J. TRACEY, P. SABADOSA, F. BRISON, E. SHIELDS, W. JANDT, and D. WITTENBERG...Early spring vacations were enjoyed by W. THORNTON, Dan Ryan, G. KLEIN, Wilson, and M. NETZEL, Linden.

*- Ray Brzezek*

**SKOKIE SHOPS -**

GRANT GREENE, shopman, is confined to St. Francis hospital in traction due to a pinched nerve...GEORGE LARSON, shopman, and HARRY MINGEE, painter, retired on April 1. We will all miss you, so please stop back to see us many times...We welcome ANTHONY COLUCCI, electrical worker, back to Skokie Shops after his tour of duty in the navy...WILLIAM BUERGER, electrical worker, is back to work after being off a few weeks due to illness. Welcome back, Bill...RALPH KEMPE, tool maker, reports a beautiful trip to Hawaii with his wife. This is their second trip. Good thinking, Ralph, go while you are young... ANDREW HODOWANIC, machinist, was off work a few days with a sore back. Nice having you back, Andy...Welcome to JOSEPH BOLECH, our newly appointed superintendent of rapid transit shops and terminals. Nice having you as our leader, Joseph...ALYCE MAY, clerk II, was off for three days due to the flu. Nice to see you back, Alyce...VICTOR KREMER, electrical worker helper, returned to work after a three week stand of sickness. Happy to see you back, Vic.

*- Everett E. England*

**SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -**

A long career in the transit industry started September 7, 1924, when GEORGE FISHER joined the Chicago Surface Lines staff as a mail clerk in the Treasury Department.

October 29, 1925, marked the date George decided the fresh air to which a Schedule Department traffic checker was exposed was the thing for him. From that position, George progressed to schedule clerk in 1928, to supervisor of schedule clerks in 1943, and to schedule maker in 1945. On April 1, 1971, George retired from his schedule maker duties and will follow through on his arrangements to return to his boyhood haunts in Pennsylvania. He and his wife will be at home in Hollidaysburg where the fish had better swim deep or they will be hooked by George. May you have a long healthy leisure, George...W. P. DEVEREUX is home from the hospital convalescing. We are looking forward to his return to work...WALTER SCHWEINFURTH moved. He thought he would try the North Side for a change...Sympathy of the department is extended to PHIL LEAHY, schedule maker, and RAY NOAKES, supervisor of traffic checkers, on the deaths of their fathers. We also extend sympathy to BERNIE KINCANNON on the death of his young grandson.

*- Kathryn Batina*

**SOUTH SECTION -**

Before I start my news, I want to express my shock over the sudden death of CTA Board Chairman GEORGE DeMENT. With his many accomplishments during his career he has done so very much for the CTA and all of us. He would attend our annual reporter's dinner and we all got to know him. He was so friendly and cheerful to all of us. Our sincere condolences to his family. He will be missed by all CTAers...Hope everyone is enjoying spring this year. She sure was welcome after our long cold and windy winter...A big hearty welcome back to two of our former employes who decided to return and were re-hired: Conductor THOMAS ANDERSON (former switchman) and Agent CHARLOTTE BRENT...Passing out cigars and smiling from ear to ear was Motorman JOSEPH DOYLE whose wife presented him with a baby girl named VICKIE JO, born on March 16. This makes three girls for the happy Doyle family...It sure was good to see Pensioned Foot Collector RAY NORMAN who stopped in at Ashland to pay us a visit recently. He says he feels good and is getting along fine...Our sympathy goes out to Chief Clerk JIM MARTINEK whose brother passed away recently...Back to work after being on the sick list are Conductors ALFRED CRISLER and BARRY THOMAS, and Collector THOMAS BRAGGS...We have a poet in the person of Agent JOHNIE McDONALD. She was a guest lecturer for two classes in creative writing at Quigley South school recently. She enjoyed it very much and the students asked if she would come back again soon...Greetings to newly-hired Conductors LAWRENCE CARDWELL, PATRICK McGEE, ARTHUR FOREST, and DAVID HARRIS, and to Agents GWENDOLYN COOPER and WANDA McCORKELL, and transferee from the Surface System as an agent, JAMES RICHARDSON... Retired Clerk JOHN MORAN dropped in to see all of us not long ago and he looks just wonderful and is enjoying his pension...Hubby ROLAND and I wish to thank the Metropolitan Credit Union for inviting us to their annual meeting and dinner at Nielsen's restaurant on March 13. They had a huge crowd and served smorgasbord, and were there goodies to eat! Yummy! We enjoyed the evening very much...Yard Foreman FRANK CALPIN is sure proud of his youngest daughter, FRANCES, age 20, who just started to work in the Employment Department in the Mart. Best wishes, Frances, on your career with CTA...Motorman RICHARD BROWN is now working temporarily as a clerk on the North Section...Congratulations to Conductor JOHN KALTSAS and his wife who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on April 1...Clerk ROBERT MORTON decided to resign and has gone to work for Sears, Roebuck & company. Good luck and best wishes in your new career...On the sick list are Janitors HAROLD STEDMAN and ALFRED HARRIS. Here's hoping they have a speedy recovery so they can come back to work soon...Receiving a passenger commendation recently was one of our champion passenger commendation receivers, Conductor JOHN DANEK, who was commended for the clear manner in which he calls stations, and also Clerk JOE BRENNAN for helping to find a woman's purse...Our pensioners sure are living in all corners of the world. I received a long letter from Retired Yard Foreman ELMER STEVENS and his wife, CHARLOTTE, from Queensland, Australia, where they are living. They have bought a home and just love living in Australia. They and their children are all well and have never been happier. The last few months they have had a lot of rain and also a cyclone, but the only damage they had was to their banana palms and hibiscus bushes, but the weather is fine now. They go swimming all the time. They have a baby kangaroo named Bambi who is only 17 inches long and about three months old. They said he is sweet and gentle. Elmer and Charlotte said to tell all their old friends hello and send us their best regards...The BOB ROESINGS, superintendent of Agents and Janitors, are spending a week's vacation down in Miami Beach. They are also planning to take a boat over to Freeport in the Islands. That sure sounds like fun.

*- Verna Hartney*

**SOUTH SHOPS -**

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. ED McELDOWNEY, Material Controls and Office Procedures, whose daughter, RITA, was runner-up for the Irish Queen in the St. Patrick's day parade...Congratulations to the winners of the golf outing raffle: 1st prize, a color TV, to ELMER LAXSTROM, Material Control Section; 2nd prize, ½ gallon of liquor, to LEO LIZAK, and 3rd prize, ½ gallon of liquor, to AL GASICK...TED PIETRUS and his wife just returned from a two-week skiing trip in Boulder, Colorado...The fellows in Area 312 would like to extend a hearty welcome back to work to JOHN PROVENZA who was off sick for some time...Area 318's BOB FUHRMAN is back on the active list after a nine-week illness. Welcome back, Bob... Area 321 extends its deepest sympathy to CLARENCE PIPOWSKI, upholsterer, on the loss of his wife...FRANK SOLURI's wife is still hospitalized recovering from surgery. We all wish her a speedy recovery...TONY VIDMONT of the Upholstering Department recently celebrated his 63rd birthday and had a few friends and relatives over for a suckling pig dinner. Everyone had a fine time, although the grandchildren wouldn't eat the poor little pig... Mechanic RON BLAIR, Area 336, would like to wish much happiness to his daughter, BARBRA, and new son-in-law, LEROY, who were married on March 27. Barbra and Leroy are both 21 years old...The South Shops was beautifully represented at the West Shops annual reunion dinner dance. A few of the honored guests were: Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE CLARK, Mr. and Mrs. TED PIETRUS, and Mr. and Mrs. AL HAAS. Those attending were mostly CTA employes from West Shops, Skokie Shops, and South Shops. The reunion committee of GUS STUPKA, SAM TROMBINO, and JOE BEDNARIK would like to thank everyone who at-

tended, and hope they will return again next year...A retirement party was given by the men in the Paint Shop for AARON AUSTIN, better known as Pop, at the home of LOID BROWN. At that time he was presented with a gift and a farewell poem written especially for the occasion by WILMONT LEWIS Jr.

*- Elaine Stewart & Bob Brown*

**52ND STREET -**

With spring in the air, now is the time to really get on the move--like Operator BYRON DEAN who says, the first thing they should do is finish that downstairs kitchen, otherwise he may lose more weight than he hopes to...Operator WILLIAM E. HOLLAND is waiting to put a brand new 1971 Classic 170 on the water. By the way, that's a 17 footer...Each new pick brings new leaders and new followers, but there's one operator who is most happy with his leader, Operator IKE CLARK. His leader is Operator BYRON DEAN...Operator ALBERT WILLS surprised his wife, ALMA, with dinner and a show on her birthday, February 21...Operator JOHN MARSHALL surprised his wife with a birthday party on March 19. It was a very successful affair and Mrs. Marshall commented that she didn't know one person could receive so many gifts...Just a line to say "Hi" to Superintendent VIC COLEMAN who was transferred to Archer Station, and a welcome to Superintendent H. P. BRAUN to 52nd Street...At this writing Superintendent J. H. LYNCH is home after being released from Christ Community hospital. He was hit with a mild heart attack, but is doing fine now. We are all looking for his return. Our prayers are with you, Mr. Lynch...Sorry to hear that Operator WESTMORELAND had to fly to the West Coast due to his mother's serious illness...Our deepest sympathy to Operator MILTON DUFFIE on the death of his brother, Mr. CHARLES HALLIBURTON, of Lansing, Michigan, and to Operator O. HYNSON and his family on the loss of his father...Delegates to the Credit Union League's 41st annual meeting on April 2 and 3 were WILLIE E. WARD and WILLARD J. HILL Jr. They will also represent our credit union at all chapter meetings for the current year. All members of the 52nd Street Credit Union are urged to maintain their current address and phone number on file in the union office. Save regularly and borrow wisely...Operator BILL BURNS motored to Florida for his vacation.

*- John L. Hudson*

**69TH STREET -**

A sight to behold on St. Patrick's day was the custodian of our outhouses, RED GREEN. Even his underwear was green. B. PULICK was even wearing green that day. By the way, Pulick and JOE LEWIS took a day off so the extra men could work. Clerk L. HELINSKI just can't get over how RAY HAMMERSCHMIDT is sporting around in a great big "Caddy."..The social event of the year, so far, was the 25th wedding anniversary of Operator and Mrs. ED STEFFAN. Approximately 150 people attended, and Ed was given the key to the honeymoon suite at the Holiday Inn. You should have seen ROY HORNING's new look that night. WOW! He almost stole the show. L. G. DAKE and Superintendent C. W. GIBES were there with their lovely wives, and everyone had a great time...C. J. URBIK is recovering from a broken ankle. Was he chasing that invisible dog of his when it happened?..JESSE DANIELS says that it doesn't pay to put out the garbage for the wife. He did, and fell and broke a rib on his left side...I saw Pensioner F. KONCZAL recently. He is fine and working as a bridge tender at the LaSalle street bridge...Looking well and happy was Pensioner SAM VALLONI who passed me while driving a South Suburban bus...JOE HAUG, pensioner, has returned home after a short stay in the hospital. How about all you fellows on pension or disability sending a line or card here at 69th Street...I saw W. A. WALTERS come to work in a police squad car. Is that what it takes to make you work, Wally?.. M. T. BARIS says that FRED STAWINSKI's wife may get up in the wee hours and fix his breakfast, but she doesn't make his lunch...E. TIERNEY denied that he sent H. RISH post cards without stamps while he was on vacation. He said he always pastes used ones on his post cards...Mr. and Mrs. LEONARD T. JOLLY celebrated 25 years of wedded bliss on March 7 with a mass at St. Rose of Lima church...Assistant Superintendent J. LOGAY and Relief Superintendent F. ZEIGLER did a good job in keeping us in close competition with Beverly, accident-wise...Instructors SWANSON and REDDRICK were working as relief superintendents at various depots. Swanson was recently appointed senior station instructor at 69th...With FULLER on vacation and J. JOHNSON in the hospital for an operation and eyeing the nurses, ROSS and O'DONNELL held down the fort for the instructors. O'Donnell and his wife celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary on St. Patrick's day. Mrs. O'Donnell hasn't been feeling too good lately, but still keeps a good eye on him. By the way, Instructor O'Donnell was the proud driver of the CTA mini-bus in the St. Patrick's day parade...With the nice weather finally here, the instructors are asking all the operators not to start feeling their "oats" and hitting everything in sight. They stated that some of the motorists have had their cars in storage all winter, and for all of us to be alert for speeders...JIMMY AHERN of the repair department says that some of the old-timers stopped by recently to say hello. They were MATT BASSO, DENNY GRIFFIN, MARTY GRIFFIN, and ERNIE TOCCI. They all looked well and are enjoying the life of leisure. PAT HAUGHEY, also retired, is enjoying himself immensely. He still practices chimney sweeping, as he was a professional at it, especially the chimneys in the Irish houses which he says are easier to reach...We wish a speedy recovery to DON CONSIDINE who has been ill. Don worked at 69th Street for many years...We offer our deepest sympathy to ANDY RIZZUTO and his family on the death of his brother...JIMMY AHERN hopes that everyone will renew their membership in the Little Flower Society. The dues are now $2.00, and be sure and get your decal. Please see Jim as soon as possible...We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Operator GEORGE MALIK who passed away on March 26. He was a well loved husband and father and a fine friend of all at 69th...EUGENE HOWE and WILLIAM MARTIN went on disability pension. May you both find better health and happiness now...Vacation time is here, so let me hear from all you fellows as you go out and enjoy yourselves...To BILL DONAHUE, who has his pretty wife drive him back and forth to the credit union, we envy you...To JOE DAVIDSON who has the dubious honor of being "King of the Round Table" at 6:00 in the morning, and to Mrs. YOUNG who saw me pick the run away from MICKEY again, and to all of you at 69th Street, good health, happiness, and may God bless all of you.

*- Arthur P. Buesing*

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# TRANSIT NEWS

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## SAFETY AWARDS 1971 1st Quarter

### EMPLOYE SAFETY CONTEST
Shops & Equipment Dept.

61st STREET TERMINAL

52nd STREET GARAGE

SKOKIE SHOPS

### INTERSTATION SAFETY CONTEST
Transportation Dept.

DAN RYAN STATION

BEVERLY STATION

# First Winners Named For Shops ESC Awards

SHOPS EMPLOYES recently participated in ceremonies which took place at the three Shops and Equipment Department locations named as the first winners in the new Employe Safety Contest (ESC). Typical were festivities at Skokie Shops (at right) where coffee and rolls were served following the award presentation.

The new ESC makes shops employes more aware of their personal safety and gives recognition every three months to men at work locations achieving the best safety performance. So that locations doing similar types of work can compete against each other, the contest is divided into three separate competitions--one for the 12 surface garages, one for the 11 rapid transit maintenance terminals, and one for the two main shops facilities. The selection of a winner for each quarter is based on the number of injuries per 1 million man-hours worked.

The first quarter winners were 52nd Street in the surface competition with a frequency rate of zero, 61st-Calumet and 63rd-Racine in the rapid transit competition with a zero rate, and Skokie Shops in the shops competition with a frequency rate of 84.1.

OUR COVER: Five CTA locations excelled in their respective areas of safety competition and were presented awards for their achievements during the first quarter of 1971. Shown accepting the Employe Safety Contest certificates and Interstation Safety Contest plaques are the following:

61st Street Terminal--Foreman John J. Molloy is accepting the ESC rapid transit terminal award from Superintendent of Rapid Transit Maintenance Terminals Anthony J. Porcaro.

52nd Street Garage--Foreman Gustave Povelka is accepting the ESC award in the surface garage competition from Supervisor of Garages Jerome Anderson.

Skokie Shops--Joseph R. Bolech, superintendent of rapid transit shops & terminals, is accepting the ESC shops competition award from Superintendent of Shops and Equipment George J. Clark.

Dan Ryan Terminal--Superintendent Edward J. Heatter is being presented the ISC rapid transit system plaque by Superintendent of Transportation David M. Flynn.

Beverly Station--Superintendent George Evans accepts the ISC surface system plaque from David M. Flynn, superintendent of transportation.

# 9 SURFACE STATIONS CITED FOR 1970 SAFETY RECORDS

CITED BY the Greater Chicago Safety Council for reducing their accident experience in 1970 as compared to 1969 were 9 out of 12 surface operating stations. Shown here with Superintendent of Transportation D. M. Flynn are superintendents who accepted the Safety Council's Transportation Awards on behalf of operating employes at their respective stations: from left, Archer Station Superintendent G. D. Peyton, North Park Station Superintendent R. K. Keag, Lawndale Station Assistant Superintendent F. J. Vitek, North Avenue Station Superintendent W. J. Moser, Mr. Flynn, 52nd Street Station Superintendent J. H. Lynch, Keeler Station Superintendent R. W. Christian, 77th Street Station Superintendent J. A. Knerr, 69th Street Station Superintendent C. W. Gibes, and Kedzie Station Assistant Superintendent G. W. Daubs.

# Michael Cafferty Elected Chairman Of Transit Board

MICHAEL CAFFERTY, former acting assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation, was unanimously elected chairman of Chicago Transit Board on Tuesday, May 18, to succeed the late George L. DeMent.

Mr. Cafferty, 46, was appointed as Board member by Mayor Richard J. Daley on April 21 and the formalities of the appointment were concluded on May 11 when he took the oath of office. He completes the term of Mr. DeMent which expires September 1, 1973.

Mr. Cafferty was graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in economics and later with a law degree from the same university. He has been engaged in the practice of law since 1951.

He served as legal counsel and legislative assistant to Senator Henry M. Jackson from 1959 to 1961 and as special assistant to Alan Boyd, then chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board, from 1961 to 1965.

**IMMEDIATELY AFTER** his election at the May 13 Board meeting, Mr. Cafferty took his position as chairman between Board Members James R. Quinn (left) and William W. McKenna, vice chairman and secretary of the Board, respectively.

As consultant and special adviser to Mayor J. D. Braman of Seattle, from 1965 to 1969, he worked on the Seattle Transportation Plan.

In 1969, Mr. Cafferty was named deputy assistant secretary for Urban Systems and Environment of the U.S. Department of Transportation. He has been acting assistant secretary since 1970.

**A RECEPTION** for the newly-elected chairman following the Board meeting provided an opportunity for Mr. Cafferty to meet with CTA management and individuals who work closely with the Authority. Mr. Cafferty and his wife, Pastora, were introduced to those who attended by General Manager Thomas B. O'Connor. They are shown in the center picture with, from left, Operating Manager Charles E. Keiser; Gene Hogan, district manager of transportation sales for General Electric company; Joseph R. Bolech, superintendent of rapid transit shops and terminals, and in the picture at right with Warren Scholl, president of Division 241 of the Amalgamated Transit Union.

# HELP US TO HELP YOU

NOW, WITH Major Medical expense benefits available to eligible CTA employes and their enrolled dependents in addition to the basic hospital and surgical insurance, it is more important than ever that the proper bills be presented when claims are made.

You can help to process your claim faster by being sure to submit only itemized bills. Doctor's bills must have all the following information: (1) Name of patient. (2) Date service was given. (3) Description of service given. (4) Charge for service.

Receipts for prescriptions must contain the following information: (1) Name of patient. (2) Date prescription was filled. (3) Doctor's name. (4) Prescription number. (5) Charge for prescription.

Examples of items which cannot be accepted for insurance coverage include cancelled checks and cash receipts which do not provide the required information listed above.

Remember to file all basic claims as soon as possible after an accident or illness occurs, including claims for out-patient lab and X-ray or surgery (in-patient and out-patient).

Major Medical claims should be filed as soon as out-of-pocket costs exceed $100 for each covered person during a calendar year--do not file a claim or forward bills until you have accumulated the required $100 per-person cost.

Claims for employes should be filed by using the regular "Hospital, Surgical or Diagnostic Notice" form (the lower portion of form No. 7530). Claims for dependents should be filed on the regular "Dependent Claim" form. Both forms may be obtained at your work location.

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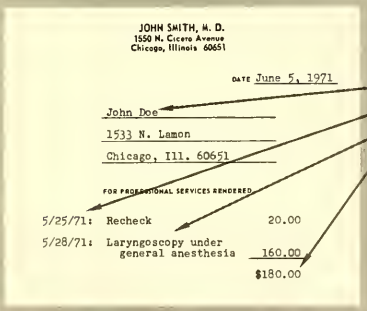


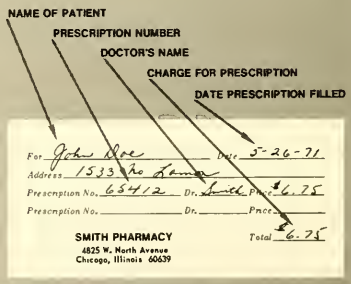


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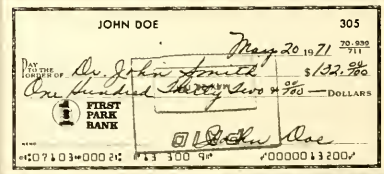


CANCELLED CHECKS

# 53 Complete CTA Training Programs

GRADUATION CERTIFICATES were recently presented to CTAers who completed the Transportation Department surface traffic supervisor training program and the Electrical Department signal and interlocking training program.

Members of the 31-man supervisor's class pictured above have been assigned to the pool and are available to fill in as needed when vacancies occur. Listed in alphabetical order, the graduates include: L. Armstrong, G. Booker, O. Boothroyd, J. Burns, C. Clark, A. Connor, D. Daley, E. Daniels, G. Doherty, F. Gibbs, D. Giles, C. Hickman, E. Hoff, R. Howard, N. Keller, M. Kozak, V. Martin, H. Mathus, M. McLoud, R. Miller, W. Morris, C. Owens, O. Peters, J. Phillips, E. Reaux, C. Schindler, C. Silas, H. Smith, R. Tierney, E. White, W. White, R. Williamson, and R. Zirkle. With the graduates in the picture are (at left) Assistant Superintendent of Surface Operations T. J. Shanahan, Operations Control Superintendent C. B. Batterson, District Superintendent R. F. Reighard, and (at right) District Superintendent R. H. Kugelard, Superintendent of Surface Operations R. Dagenais, and District Superintendent E. O'Connell.

The 22 graduates of the Electrical Department course pictured below were instructed in the operation and maintenance of rapid transit block signals and interlocking plants and have been placed in a pool to be appointed signal helpers as vacancies occur. Class members, pictured here with Operating Manager C. E. Keiser and Signal Superintendent C. L. Wiksten include, from left: front row--E. McClinton Jr., J. R. Oddo, P. C. Jankowski, D. Hawkins, Mr. Wiksten, Mr. Keiser, A. J. DiCristofano, A. Peluso, J. Reidy, and L. Griffith Sr. Standing--D. L. Coots, A. D. Nesbitt, J. W. Clemens, E. Delaney Jr., D. J. Grudecki, J. C. Long, W. R. Albrecht, J. J. Rombout, R. G. Bedoe, H. L. Young, A. W. Coli, G. G. Thivel, E. J. Wilson, and H. B. Murry.

# Medically Speaking

## by Dr. George H. Irwin

**HEADACHES,** doctors agree, are the most common complaint of patients seen in their offices. It is estimated that 75 to 85 per cent of the people in the United States have headaches during a lifetime.

In plain terms, headache means pain in the head. If you have missed a meal or your menstrual period or had trouble with your mother-in-law, your boss, or discomfort from New Years morning hangover, you are a candidate for a headache. The human misery, lost work efficiency, and amount of money spent for headaches is unbelievable.

It should be emphasized that a headache is not a disease but rather a symptom. As such, it is usually a manifestation of some abnormal physical, physiological, chemical, psychic or emotional change affecting the pain-sensitive structures of the head, either within or outside the skull.

Authorities say that nine times out of ten, headaches fall in the groups just mentioned above. It is the one case out of ten which may have an organic basis for headaches such as a brain tumor or high blood pressure.

Generally speaking, the mechanism which produces headaches may be described in the following manner. In the first group there is an irritation of the skin (scalp), nerves, mucous membranes, or a muscle spasm. In the second group, the mechanism consists of a change in the circulatory or vascular pressure within the skull. There are many different causes of headaches, but regardless of cause, they are all produced by either nerve irritation or circulatory pressure changes. Incidentally, about 90 per cent of chronic headaches are of the latter type.

Some of the more clinical forms or types of headaches are as follows: (1) Migraine. (2) Tension headaches due to muscular contraction. (3) Facial neuralgias from irritation or inflammation of certain nerves. (4) Headaches associated with disturbances of cranial or skull structures such as the eyes, nose, ear, sinuses, muscle or bone abnormalities, and organic brain disease such as tumors. (5) Headaches due to systemic circulatory or vascular disturbance such as high blood pressure, aneurysms (a bulge on one of the cerebral arteries), allergy, various fevers, and infections. (6) Post traumatic or injury headaches, including severe contusions or blows, concussions, and skull fractures. (7) Psychogenic or headaches of nervous origin.

Each form of headache in the above classification usually has certain characteristics which help the doctor to make the proper diagnosis. In addition, careful history and physical examinations are routine diagnostic procedures. In the unusual cases of brain tumors and hemorrhages, proper evaluation may require laboratory tests and X-rays, including brain scans, electro-encephalograms, cerebral angiograms, and spinal punctures.

Most headaches do not have serious significance but they usually annoy, irritate, or reduce the efficiency of the sufferer. However, there is the rare headache which does have a very serious aspect, such as tumors just mentioned above. Another rare type is the subdural hemorrhage which follows a blow on the head. The misleading feature of this injury is that the headache may not occur for a week or more.

Migraine headaches are mentioned here because they constitute a fairly large percentage of all headaches. Common characteristics include a hereditary relationship and recurrent tendency in a very nervous person. Also they are usually on one side of the head and frequently are associated with visual disturbances, nausea, vomiting, and mental depression.

The treatment of the ordinary headache usually is fairly simple. However, in the obscure case it may be difficult. Analgesic tablets (aspirin), along with moderate exercise followed by complete relaxation, frequently give relief to most headaches. However, one must remember that certain drugs in certain persons can cause headaches as well as relieve them. Finally, the successful treatment usually depends on the determination of the specific cause.

In ancient times, holes were drilled in the skull to let the "misery" out. This treatment is now passe, although in rare cases of brain tumors a decompression operation may be the only logical procedure.

All too often the individual practices or follows self medication too long. Do not experiment and do not contribute to the 300 or 400 million dollars which is being spent by the public for self medication each year. SEE YOUR DOCTOR if headaches persist or keep on recurring.

# Board Member for 14 Years, Mrs. Van der Vries Retires

THE 14-YEAR tenure of the first and only woman member of Chicago Transit Board, Mrs. Bernice T. Van Der Vries, will draw to a close with her retirement during June. Pictured above at a recent luncheon in the M&M Club, Mrs. Van Der Vries was honored by Mayor Richard J. Daley, former Governor William G. Stratton, her fellow Board members, and the CTA staff.

Mrs. Van Der Vries became a Board member during January, 1957, after being appointed by Governor Stratton. A resident of Evanston, she has been a daily CTA rider since joining the Board and has always been mindful of the problems of operating a transit system. Commenting on her performance as a Board member, CTA General Manager Thomas B. O'Connor said, "She has been an excellent Board member and has always displayed a woman's intuition of seeing the things that could create problems."

Prior to her CTA appointment, Mrs. Van Der Vries had served for 22 years as State Representative of the old 7th District, comprised of most of suburban Cook County and parts of five Chicago wards. Before entering the General Assembly in 1934 she served in her first public office as a Winnetka council member for two years.

To fill the vacancy on the Board created by Mrs. Van Der Vries' retirement, Governor Richard B. Ogilvie has appointed another suburbanite, Lawrence G. Sucsy of Evanston, to a term expiring September 1, 1977.

## *New Appointments Announced In Transportation Department*

BULLETINS ANNOUNCING the appointment of nine Transportation Department employes to new supervisory positions were issued recently by Superintendent of Transportation D. M. Flynn.

Effective May 2, the following personnel were appointed to new posts at surface operating stations: W. J. Moser, North Avenue Station superintendent; F. J. Vitek, Lawndale Station assistant superintendent; J. P. McEvilly, Archer & Lawndale Stations relief superintendent; E. J. Weston, Limits & Keeler Stations senior instructor; J. G. Steinbach, Lawndale Station senior instructor, and W. R. Parnum, North Avenue Station senior instructor. The appointments were approved by Operating Manager C. E. Keiser.

Appointments made in connection with the Monitor System, a federally-financed project for the research and development of the automatic bus monitoring system, became effective May 9. Named as project manager was M. J. Lukes and as assistant to project manager, K. Pliuksis.

C. W. Gibes was named assistant superintendent of operating stations on June 1 by Mr. Flynn, with the approval of Operating Manager C. E. Keiser.

**AN ATHLETIC teenager, Edwin Jefferson, served recently as Junior General Manager of CTA during the 1971 Chicago Youth Week and is shown here with General Manager Thomas B. O'Connor. Edwin, who is a senior at Roosevelt High school, was sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. He is a "B" average student, a guard on Roosevelt's basketball team, an end on the football team, and a tennis team member also. Edwin plans to continue his education after graduation in June and will attend Kendall college in Evanston on a scholarship. He plans to pursue a career in journalism.**

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# THE INSIDE NEWS

## AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**ACCOUNTING (General) -**

CURTIS BURRELL's sister, ROSALIND SUZZETTE BURRELL, is an outstanding teenager. She recently was awarded a $1,000 grant from the State under the stipulation that for each $250 she will teach one year in the State of Illinois. She plans to attend the University of Illinois at Urbana, where she will major in special education for handicapped children...We extend a welcome to CHARLES WROBEL who transferred to Accounting from the Treasury Department on April 19...Our sympathy and condolences go to SIG SHONTS and his family on the death of his brother, EUGENE SHONTS, on April 2...JEAN WRIGHT spent part of her vacation around home getting that cleaning done, and then she went up to New Lisbon, Wisconsin, to visit her mother who is 91 years of age...RAY CORBEL spent his vacation catching up with the painting around the house... ESTELLE KALECKAS spent a week's vacation relaxing at home.

*- Jeanne Fitzgerald*

**(Payroll) -**

After a long siege with a cantankerous shoulder which required surgery, MARIE COARI returned to the fold as her normal effervescent self. We are glad her recovery was complete, for we missed her and we were very happy to put out the welcome mat...MARY JANE HOSTETTER was the good samaritan again when she served as chauffeur for two of her relatives who had bought a home and were moving to Florida. She drove their car to Bonita Springs, Florida, near Fort Myers, a distance of 1,313 miles, and being a good driver she made the trip in 2½ uneventful days. The entourage consisted of her two aunts, their two dogs, and one cat. She reported that the weather was great, and they enjoyed swimming in the Gulf of Mexico before she and her son, JIM, flew back to Chicago. Since it was Jim's first plane trip, he was excited and thrilled with the flight...MARY BLACKMORE was a patient in West Suburban hospital where she underwent surgery. We send her our very best wishes for a speedy recovery.

*- Clara Lawrence*

**(Tabulating) -**

Our sympathy is extended to BOB RISE whose father, JAMES RISE, passed away April 9 in Bridgeman, Michigan. ..We are all happy to know that MARYANNE BUCKLEY, the daughter-in-law of MARIAN BUCKLEY, is recuperating quickly after a serious illness.

*- Evelyn Leu*

**BEVERLY -**

This month we salute Operator WILLIAM JONES for exemplary courtesy to his passengers, and Operator IRV HENDERSON who, in his quiet way, always does an outstanding job. We always like a commendation, and we have many fine men who fulfill their jobs without fanfare. We also have men who can't hold a conversation without every other word being a six-letter one of obscenity. This may be the only way they can express themselves and be noticed, but it sure doesn't sound nice. If the shoe fits—wear it...We tip our hats to CINDY WEILER, the wife of Operator IRV WEILER, who donated sweaters, dresses, blouses, and many items for the patients at Manteno State hospital for Easter. Thanks, Cindy, the only reward we can give is that you made many girls very happy. I wish you could have seen the smiles on their faces. God bless you, and keep the faith...We express our deepest sympathy to Operator GEORGE EPHGRAVE in the loss of his mother, and to the family of BOB BLAIR who went to his eternal reward.

Well, it's springtime, in name only, for we still have a baby "hawk" hanging around. Maybe by the time this is in print we will have some good weather...Here is a scoop--District A Superintendent EDDIE O'CONNELL has something to crow about. His wife, RUTH, is an artist. She has some very fine pieces on display in Dolton. She began painting five years ago as therapy after suffering a heart attack, and now it's her major hobby. She is a member of the S. E. Art League...Operator WILLIE KELLEY just returned from Rochester, New York, where he attended a meeting of his lodge, Northern States Knights of Peter Claver...Operator O. G. SCROGGINS sure wishes he was back on Pullman following your co-reporter, AMOS FOSTER. He said that as long as I keep helping the old ladies off the bus with their shopping bags, he has it easy. What he doesn't know is that I got a commendation out of it, and I am now a member of the Courtesy Caravan...Operator L. T. (Scotty the Big One) SCOTT is having a ball on West 103rd. I hope he stays there, for I had to follow him years ago out at Kedzie, and old men never change--they just get faster and meaner...DONNA SHEA, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. JAMES HARRIS, is spending clean-up week in Spain. She is a classmate of my daughter, JOAN SHELTON, at Chicago Vocational school where they are both seniors and will graduate in June.

*- Tom Daniels & Amos Foster*

**CTA POLICE -**

DON KUSCH was hospitalized after being hit by another auto while he was in his radio car. He is home now and getting better...There are quite a few proud fathers among us. ED and BARBARA GARNER are the proud parents of PATRICIA EILEEN; BRUCE and KAREN HENDERSHOT's latest is a son, SHAWN, and JIM LELIOSH has a bundle of joy named JAMES Jr. The Leliosh family are now neighbors with former CTA officers NEWBERRY, LATIN, UNDERWOOD, and SMITH out in Romeoville...GORDON PURTELL's son, KEVIN, received his first communion, and his daughter, ANNETTE, was confirmed at St. Robert's church...Chips was just a homeless mutt roaming around Wilson Shops until BILL JAQUEST befriended the four-legged fellow...HEINZ VOGT's home in Lisle will be kept secure by Duke, a young German shepherd...CHARLIE and CAROLYN BERGLUND will be out to hook the big ones at Kee-Nee-Moo-Shaw lodge in Minnesota during their vacation...JIM CONSENTINO is going to Florida for a few days. ..Welcome aboard to trainees JAMES LaFOLLETTE, box

puller at Archer, and GEORGE (Jungle) BONESS, mechanic at North Park...ROGER (There's a hooker) KIRCHWAY has left us to go to Texas. One of the many rumors about Roger is that he is now with the Texas Rangers...Lt. RAY LOHSE will be showing the trainees the ways of the CTA police. His son, DON, who is with the CTA Task Force detail, has been active on the North Side "L" lines. Former CTA officer FRED STONE is now with the CTA Task Force on the West Side...GREG ZITO and BILL GROSSMANN are reported to be heavier than they used to be...The St. Jude League annual march and communion Sunday is May 23. Thanks to Lt. KELLY of the CTA Task Force for his kind memorandum regarding the status of the CTA police officers...JOHN FIRLINGER, ROY SCHNEIDER, and DAN MARTINIAK rescued an 18-year old youth who had been pushed in front of a train at Randolph-Washington in the State subway. The offenders were arrested. Lt. ROBERT McELROY and PHILLIP THOMAS also made several arrests. Lt. McElroy and Thomas with ED BUGAL arrested a man with a gun at Adams-Wabash shortly after this offender had made an unsuccessful attempt to rob the State-Van Buren agent. BILL JAQUEST and your scribe had occasion to arrest two youthful purse snatchers on a train at Loyola. The assistance of Conductor E. GILLESPIE made the arrest possible. Gillespie's alertness prevented serious injury to the victim, a 51-year old woman who was being dragged along a platform by a moving train. This was a good example of CTA Teamwork. Mutual trust and friendship between ourselves and with other CTA people will lead to cooperation that can often mean the difference between just taking a report on another unsolved offense or making a good arrest...The Operations Control Center has extended an invitation to the CTA Police to visit the Radio Room. Just check with Mr. GRAVER before going up there. The radio dispatchers will be glad to talk things over and the Monitor-CTA is right there, along with the line supervisors and the power supervisors. KSA-977 averages a transmission every 90 seconds, 24 hours a day, every day of the year...Keep your fingers crossed. As of the last week of April those wonderful law enforcement assistance projects were still in the works. Anyone seeking to file a motion that they have been left out of the Transit News is overruled. Just send a note to your scribe in care of the office with whatever news you have.

*- Timothy O'Mahony*

**ELECTRICAL (Blue Island) -**

Well, the old saying, "No news is good news", is not true in our case. It leaves me with nothing to report. I do hope by the time our next column is due, I will have heard from the 37 men in the building gang, the 33 men in power engineering, the 26 men in substation maintenance, and the 50 men of the surface division...Our deepest sympathy to the family of JAMES MURPHY who passed away on March 31...We welcome WALTER COLLINS, RICHARD COOK, and JAMES REGAN to the Electrical Department.

*- William Rehder*

**(General Office) -**

Springtime is the perfect time to travel. Ask anyone who "got away" from it all recently...BOB FERGUSON, building wiring supervisor, and his wife, MAY, enjoyed a wonderful vacation in California. They flew to Los Angeles to spend the Easter holiday with their son, ROBERT, a petty officer third class, who was on a short leave from Lemoore Naval Station. He joined his parents on trips to Disneyland, Knotts Berry Farm, and the giant Redwoods and then returned to his base. The Fergusons also drove to Mexico for more sightseeing and gift shopping. They then flew to San Francisco, which is about 200 miles from where their son is stationed, and visited with him before returning home...KEN MIKOTA, engineer of building maintenance, returned tanned and rested from a vacation in Tucson, Arizona. He and his family spent the Easter holiday with the parents of his wife, FRAN, who retired to Arizona two years ago.

*- Kay McAlister*

THIS LITTLE cherub is JENETTE ANN LA FLEUR, the one-month old granddaughter of JOHN J. McGOVERN, Claim Department.

**ENGINEERING -**

Our get well wishes are out to JIM JOHNSON who is now home after an operation and is reported as coming along fine. Also to FRED PETRINO who is home from the hospital but still on the sick list. We hope both of you will be back on your feet very soon. After all, it's no fun being sick...PAT FLYNN, who was a clerk-typist, stepped up a grade and took a job in the Employment Department as a clerk-stenographer. We all hope she likes her new position, but we're sorry to see her go. We'll miss Giggles, she was really a barrel of laughs...The welcome mat is out to MOSES SAMPSON, new architectural design draftsman in the Architectural Section. We hope he will enjoy working for the CTA...It was nice seeing VINCE SHUBAT again when he stopped in for a short visit with his old friends in Engineering. Vince retired from CTA last year. He was with his brother, BOB, who is returning to Yugoslavia for the summer...Well, we have a hero in the Civil Engineering Division. Recently, on the first floor of the Mart, a man was seen running from the Merchandise Mart bank. He had passed a bad check, with no success. The guards from the bank were chasing him. Forgetting his size, but remembering his civic duty, ABEL GOVEA put his leg out, tripped the man, and in the next few moments the guards were escorting the man back to the bank for questioning. Abel, you really saved the day and here's hoping that the bank appreciated your effort. Oh, I failed to mention that "ChickenHAWK" was with Abel at the time...JACK O'REILLY and his wife, EILEEN, and their son, TOM, spent a pleasant two weeks at Eastertime in Florida. After arranging for construction of a new home on Lake Angela in Deltona, they motored from Daytona Beach to Miami Beach, then across Alligator Alley through the Everglade fires to Naples, and on down the Gulf Coast to Panama City and Long Beach.

ROBERT C. FERGUSON, the son of ROBERT FERGUSON, Electrical Department, was recently promoted to the rank of Petty Officer Third Class at Lemoore Naval Air Station in California.

They cast their vote for the three seasons enjoyed in Florida...JOE URBASZEWSKI was very popular on April 22 when his wife, CHRISTINE, gave birth to their second child weighing 6 pounds 13 ounces. The child, which has outside plumbing, was born on April 22 at Illinois Masonic hospital and was named JEFFREY PAUL. We send our congratulations to both Chris and Joe and know that baby Jeff will be in good hands.

**(West Shops) -**

I'm sure everyone has seen the beautiful tan that Bricklayer Foreman CHARLIE SCHREY is sporting since his return from vacation. He and his wife spent 18 days traveling all over Arizona. Their main stops were in Scottsdale where they visited with their daughter who resides there, and to visit the property they own in Tucson. After the beautiful sunny weather they enjoyed in Arizona, it was quite a shock to return to Chicago and its chilly weather... Electrician JOE CHRISTOI spent a week of his vacation at home. His only comment was that his wife certainly kept him busy...Your West Shops reporter, MARY GALLON, recently returned from a week's vacation. She spent a couple of days in her hometown, Peoria, Illinois, where she celebrated her sixth wedding anniversary. The rest of the time she spent at home getting thoroughly involved in the television soap operas and quiz shows that are so much a part of daytime TV...Our condolences to the family of Carpenter ED ANDRACKI who passed away recently...We are happy to see ROBERT BARNES, laborer, back to work after being off for six months with a broken leg, foot, and arm he suffered after having a bad fall. Welcome back, Robert... Steamfitter JIM FLORES and his family recently attended his son's first holy communion. Immediately after church service, they left for the Indiana Dunes for a camping trip. Jim said they had an enjoyable weekend and are looking forward to their next camping trip...WEST SHOPS FLASH: What steamfitter is getting to be known as the "turnstile kid?"

*- Linda LeMonnier & Mary Gallon*

**FOREST GLEN -**

It's that time of the year when the love bug bites, says Supervisor KEN CZACHOWSKI who took the lovely PAT SWIATEK as his bride on May 8 at the Church of the Five Holy Martyrs. The newlyweds honeymooned in the Hawaiian Islands...Operator E. L. BRZECZEK and his beautiful wife were presented with another grandson, THOMAS E. STARZYK, on March 7. The happy parents are Mr. and Mrs. G. J. STARZYK. This brings the total of Brzeczek grandchildren to eight. He's hoping for a baseball team before it's all over...Operator REINHART says his grandson, RICKY ODDO, is now stationed in Viet Nam with the 299th Engineer Battalion, and is now a specialist 4th class. Ricky sent a tape recording of his voice and you can hear the big guns in the background...From the Repair Department--KEN JOHNSON, p.m. foreman, retired on March 1. ED (Cookie) KUKLEWICZ replaced him as p.m. foreman... JOE WARD was promoted to relief foreman, while CHARLIE CLINE, the assistant day foreman, went over to Keeler Garage, and in his place is JIM BYRNES. The day foreman is JOHN JOYCE. I understand these are all fine gentlemen. Good luck, fellows...JOHN PONDELL retired on May 1, and the gang will miss him. John has a brother who is quite an operator. Of course, we all know WALLY PONDELL...Our hearts go out to District Supervisor PAT KEHOE who recently lost his daughter...Men, do be accident alert, don't tailgate. Start up slow and make smooth stops. We are carrying quite a few elderly people. Do your best to get close to the curb. Remember, service is what we want to deliver...Our thanks to management for the coffee. Maybe next time we will be getting rolls. Of course, Superintendent PETERSON will cough up for us fellows if we keep up the good work...Your credit union is open and ready to serve you whether it be a small or large loan. So see the boys with the big smiles.

*- W. A. Henry* (Don't call me Wilbur)

**GENERAL OFFICE (Law) -**

MARVIN P. LUCKMAN, attorney, with his wife and family flew down to Clearwater, Florida, to enjoy a sunny vacation...CLARENCE VESELY, messenger, will take his pension on June 1 and move to Yuma, Arizona, to enjoy retirement with his wife.

**(Insurance) -**

MARY ANN WALLACE, stenographer, has been flashing a diamond ring which was given to her by JAMES BURNS... ANTOINETTE (Toni) MISETIC at the present time is home recuperating and would enjoy hearing from her friends and co-workers. Hurry and get well as we sure miss your smiling face at the front desk.

**(Reproduction Services) -**

The welcome mat was extended to MARGUERITE LONGO, steno I, who transferred from the Employment Department. A correction is being made in this issue as to Marguerite's fiancee's name, it is MICHAEL RUFFULO, and the wedding plans are set for September 25.

**(Medical) -**

RITA WANTROBA, registered X-ray technician, spent a week's vacation in and around Chicago and Oak Park spending her money and enjoying the beautiful sunny weather...HARRY SOREGHEN, medical technician, spent his four-week vacation in and around the city working in the garden, catching up on his housework, and taking Heidi for a walk. By the way, Harry, how is your copper bracelet? Any luck?..Dr. ERICH GROSS and his wife flew down to Scottsdale, Arizona, for a two-week vacation enjoying the warm weather, which we understand was delightful...Dr. P. PIERZYNSKI, as a belated 29th wedding anniversary

gift, is taking his wife by airplane to London, Paris, and Rome. This will be her first flight abroad and will be a surprise. Happy landing to both of you, and congratulations from the Medical staff...ARLENE PURALEWSKI, clerk-typist, and her husband, TOM, decided to take up bike riding as a hobby. They both purchased bicycles, and as soon as work is done they go bike riding to build up an appetite and keep their figures.

**(Employment) -**

The welcome mat was extended to PATRICIA FLYNN, stenographer...FRANK BRADY and his wife flew for a week's vacation in sunny Florida...JOHN STEINMETZ spent two weeks with the naval reserve in Fallon, Nevada, just outside of Reno. John, watch out for those rebound girls from Reno.

**(Office Services) -**

ROY COLCORD, electrician, flew down to Miami and Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, for a week of sunny vacationing and to visit relatives.

**(Training & Accident Prevention) -**

As of this writing, PAT DUNEK is confined to Illinois Masonic hospital and we all wish her a speedy recovery... We were glad to see LENNY LOHN back to work after his stay in the hospital. You sure look good...Well, our boy, ART HUBACZ, has been traveling again. He spent the weekend at the Sheraton-Philadelphia hotel attending a convention of the national executive committee meeting of the Polish Legion of American Veterans.

**(Research & Planning) -**

After 42 years of service with CTA, HERMAN ANDERS retired on May 1. The open house for Herman was attended by many of his friends and co-workers. He was also the guest of honor at Martini's restaurant where members of Research/Planning, accompanied by their husbands, wives, and friends, gathered for dinner to wish Herman the best of luck. After cocktails and a delicious meal everyone relaxed in their chairs and enjoyed the cartoon slides drawn by Herman's friends entitled, "The Saga of Herman Anders." To add to the evening's entertainment, G. KRAMBLES, superintendent of R/P, showed slides taken while he was in Tel Aviv, Israel, where he was recently called for consultation regarding the new high-speed subway and bus-rail system. In conclusion, Mr. Krambles extended our best wishes to Herman for many happy and healthy years ahead. We'll miss you, Herman, don't forget your old friends at CTA...GEORGE MACAK and a couple of train collector friends were up at 1:30 a.m. one Sunday morning and drove to Monroe, Michigan, a distance of 300 miles, to a train collector's meeting. They made it back to Chicago by 8 p.m. the same day. How's that for being devoted train fans?..MIKE DALEY's wife, SALLY, was in Nebraska for a week visiting with her old cohorts at Dana college. Among her luggage were bundles of her paintings which she was asked to exhibit at the college. We don't think Mike enjoyed doing all of his own cooking, but he tells us he's now an expert (personally we wouldn't want to sample any of it)...One of JOHN O'CONNOR's many female admirers brought him a little plant for his office. John couldn't remember the technical name of the plant, so to save a lot of trouble we just named it "Plant." Not to be outdone, MARY ELLEN RUSS brought one of her plants to work. Every day the plants are watered, put near the sun, and even measured for growth. On April 5, John's plant was 5¼ inches high and Mary Ellen's towered at 6 inches. John was sure his would grow faster. Well, we measured again on April 30 and John's plant is now 6½ inches and Mary Ellen's is 7 inches. Keep watching for our next Transit News article for further results of the battle of the plants, which should do fine considering the amount of hot air and fertilizer that Research/Planning is accused of producing.

*- Regina Daren & Eileen Neurauter*

**KEDZIE -**

Superintendents M. HARRINGTON and G. DAUBS wish to thank all the operators for cutting down on our passenger complaints. Because of this we had coffee on management and sweet rolls from our friendly credit union. If we cut down on our traffic accidents we can make a better showing in the interstation competition. This we can do if we strive just a little harder, then we can have coffee and rolls again. Our Instruction Department, consisting of Instructors JACKSON, BENNETT, and KOCAR, can boast of a job well done...Congratulations to T. J. HEFFERNAN, treasurer of Kedzie credit union, who was elected president of the Illinois Credit Union League on April 3. His lovely wife, CATHERINE, was there to share this momentous occasion. Also on hand were a few friends to wish him well in his new position. Ted has been in the credit union movement for 33 years. He will still be serving us at Kedzie, as his new office renders no salary, just a great achievement for Ted...Operator and Mrs. FRANK KAISHER announced the engagement of their daughter, TERRY FRANCES, to LAWRENCE W. STARK of West Chicago. Terry, a graduate of Northern Illinois university, is now teaching the seventh grade in Batavia, Illinois. Mr. Stark received his bachelor of science degree from Northern Illinois university and is now working for his masters degree in geography. The wedding date has been set for July 17, 1971...Don't forget Division 241's golf tournament on July 19. Keep this date open. For more information, see your board members, WILLIAM LARSEN or WILLIAM REYNOLDS...Operator J. RICHARDSON visited Pensioner SID ENGELHARD and he is doing real great. Sid says hello to all the fellows at Kedzie...To everyone at Kedzie having a birthday or wedding anniversary we send our best wishes for many, many more...On the sick list at this writing is Box Puller G. SULLIVAN and R. CARTER. Both are confined in Northwest Community hospital. Operator J. SCANLON underwent surgery at West Suburban hospital. I hope by the time this issue is out they will be back on the job...

THIS CHUBBY little fellow is CRAIG RICHARD HAYES, the one-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. CLYDE HAYES. Clyde is assigned to the Signal Division of the Electrical Department.

In the last issue, I said that FRED DiMEO, the son of Operator GUY DiMEO, was planning to be married some time next year. Now I hear that the "love-bug" bit a little harder and the happy couple will be wed late this year... Don't forget your credit union, save a little each payday so we can help another in need.

*- Raymond Graham*

**KEELER -**

Hi all you happy people. Now that you've been relieved of that tax hang-up, you can look forward to the glorious plans for that long-awaited vacation...Before we zoom off into the wild blue yonder, let's pause awhile to wish birthday greetings to all our May celebrities. May 2's duo is Operators WALLS and BECKER; May 4 is shared by Operators HOWE, DUNKER, McCLAIN, VARGAS, and "Lead Foot" CAJDA, and Box Puller ZENTMYER. A quartet sings birthday "huzzahs" leading off with ROSSILLE, tenor is MATOS, baritone is ARDAM, and bass is HASSABALLA. HIGHSMITH lays claim to May 20, VAN NEVEL May 21, and the happy Greek, KARRAS, winds up the parade on May 26. Operator W. PERRY running breathless, tried to recover some time as his wife, THELMA, celebrated her birthday on April 24...Operator EARL LATTIMER and his wife, MARY, celebrated their third wedding anniversary on May 18. Operator J. NELSON and his lovely wife, FLORENE, celebrated nine years of togetherness on May 19. My little buddy, JOE VALTIERRA, is beginning to slip--so to RACHEL, happy belated greetings on your seventh anniversary April 25...Meanwhile down in the garage, rumor has it that Mechanic "Big" CHESTER is sharpening up his skills in preparation for his Las Vegas vacation. Here's hoping that Chester purchases a round-trip ticket...Our very efficient garage foreman, BOB VANCE, and his family tried to absorb all the sunshine, frolicking on the white sands of Daytona Beach, Florida...The entire station is very proud of our two gallant gentlemen, Operators A. BERRY and L. RICHARD. These knights in shining armor received a wonderful letter from a grateful Oak Park lady. It seems that the lady was in distress with her children, plagued with a nasty old flat tire, when our boys came to her rescue and then rode off into the sunset without seeking compensation. So once again it is proven that chivalry is not dead--sick maybe--but not dead. Berry is also our station's illustrious softball manager. Lots of luck to our team, and let's support them a little better this year, fellows...The boss is a very proud fellow these days, and it's because of all you guys. We have won a safety award for beating our all-time safety record this past year. You know, I really wasn't a coffee drinker until this past year, but since we have earned so much coffee and rolls for our safety achievements, I am now. Superintendent CHRISTIAN hopes to make even more coffee drinkers this year...Back to the pleasant thoughts of vacation, here's a couple of items to take with you. I read somewhere that the life of a dollar is only a few months. Well, I really wouldn't know--as I've never had one die on me. Vacations do require the spending of some money, of course, but it really hurts to see people squandering money and know you can't help them...Till next time.

*- Ernest C. Carter*

THE PRETTY little lasses pictured here are MICHELE and CATHY GOODWIN, the four-and five-year old daughters of DIANE and BILL GOODWIN, transit technician, Research and Planning.

**LAWNDALE -**

Congratulations to Operator and Mrs. CLEVELAND COBURN on the birth of a son, SHAWN, on March 14 weighing 7 pounds 8 ounces...We also congratulate Operator and Mrs. SOLOMON DAVIS on the birth of a son, MICHAEL DWAIN, born April 1 weighing 7 pounds 9 ounces. . . Operator and Mrs. RONALD McKNIGHT announced the birth of a daughter, SHANDRA, who was born on April 16 weighing 5 pounds 11 ounces...On May 2 Operator and Mrs. ED CELOVSKY celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. We wish Ed and Tillie many more happy years of the good life...Since I'm congratulating everyone, I might as well say happy anniversary to Operator and Mrs. JAMES MARSHALL who celebrated their ninth anniversary on April 27...The men of Lawndale wish to thank General Manager T. B. O'CONNOR for his recognition of the personnel who helped make 1970 CTA's safest year. Lawndale broke its accident par twice last year. We had 130 zero accident days. We broke our commendation/complaint par three times last year, and we added 29 new members to the Courtesy Caravan Club. So let's all continue to give "welcome aboard" service to everyone. Because of the combined efforts from everyone, we received coffee and rolls on May 6...On May 1 we bid farewell to one of our finest operators, WILLIAM KLECKA, who retired from Lawndale with 34 years of faithful service. Good luck on your retirement, Bill...On March 31 a retirement party was held for Clerk EDWARD McDERMOTT. With 46 years of service with the CTA and the former Chicago Motor Coach, it certainly is an outstanding record to accomplish. We'll miss Ed around here, so stop in anytime and say hello. Those taking part in the retirement celebration were: Superintendents JACK MORRIS and WARD CHAMBERLAIN, DAVE HINMAN, JOE STEINBACH, RUSS GUNDERSON, RAY SOMMERS, CLARK CARTER, EDDIE KAWCZYNSKI, WALTER SMITH, JIM TUCKER, ELMER RIEDEL, JIM RITTENBERG, JOE NOLAN, BILL KLECKA, STANLEY BITEL, CHARLES WEYER, JOE RITROVATO, STANLEY HYERCZYK, D. COUGHLIN, and F. KERHART...DIANA TEGMEYER, the daughter of Supervisor L. BERMINGHAM, gave birth to a baby girl, LYNN, on February 22 weighing 6 pounds 1½ ounces. That makes her father a proud grandpa, and a great-grandpa of RICHARD BERMINGHAM, his father, who is retired from Lawndale...We extend our congratulations to Operator and Mrs. JAMES JEFFERS on the birth of a daughter, JENNINE, on February 9 weighing 6 pounds 13 ounces...On March 27, the Lawndale Depot Fed-

RAYMOND MUELLER, the son of Limits Station Relief Superintendent LOU MUELLER, was recently graduated from Christian Brothers College in Memphis, Tennessee.

eral Credit Union held their 33rd annual membership meeting at Paradise hall. We were privileged to see so many of our retired personnel, some of which included: Mr. and Mrs. LLOYD ABRAHAMSON, Mr. and Mrs. JULIUS JACKIEWICZ, Mr. and Mrs. LOUIS MENKEN, Mr. and Mrs. BILL JAKOUBEK, Mr. and Mrs. EDDIE WISS, Mr. and Mrs. FRANK MATRE, Mr. and Mrs. HERB BYERS, Mr. and Mrs. STANLEY BITEL, JESSE CINKUS, JAMES RITTENBERG, PATTY CLARK, RICHARD BERMINGHAM, JERRY PROCHASKA, MIKE BURKE, FRED SPOERI, BILL CURNANE, and ARTHUR SATZKE. Among the active members were: Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT FENRICK, Mr. and Mrs. WILBUR STRASSER, Mr. and Mrs. BERNARD COOPER, Mr. and Mrs. CHARLIE KASAL, Mr. and Mrs. EDDIE HOJNACKI, Mr. and Mrs. FRANK LESZCZYNSKI, Mr. and Mrs. GOVERNOR GLADMAN, Mr. and Mrs. C. WISNIEWSKI, Mr. and Mrs. BILL CARTER, Mr. and Mrs. HARRY COX, BILL DOEDEN, JACK KALKA, JOE NOLAN, BILL KLECKA, EARL WASHINGTON, JOE RIHA, BILL KELLY, JOHN DANIEL, NAMON BROWN, CLEVELAND WHITE, BENNIE ROGERS, JAMES BURRIS, ROBERT SURITA, A. TURNER, RON GREEN, RALPH WILLIAMS, JOHN VAN OOY, LEON RICHMAN, ROBERT JONES, EARNEST BURNETT, TOMMY HARPER, BENNIE CALVERT, BOBBY DAVIS, WILLIAM ROBINSON, SAM ADAMS, TERRY THOMAS, E. PRIEST, HENRY TERRY, H. REDDICK, DOMINICK PAPA, MARTY KARIOLICH, MYLOW MEYERS, FRANK NEXBOUER, GORDON WOODS, TILLMON SHAW, HAYWOOD BLANKS, J. STAHULAK, ROBERT AUSTIN, and WALTER WALKER. Also present was Superintendent JACK MORRIS, along with Division 241 President WARREN SCHOLL, DANIEL McFADDEN, secretary of Division 241, WILLIAM LARSEN, first vice-president of Division 241, and WILLIAM REYNOLDS...WALTER SMITH wants an "employe-of-the-year" award so bad that he has taken Mr. Morris under his wing. Good luck, Walter...Personnel on our sick list this month are WILLIAM HALLA, GEORGE BRICHACEK, and HAROLD McCANN. We wish these men a speedy recovery...Happy birthday to the following personnel: A. ADAMS, J. ALLEN, J. AUGUSTA, R. AUSTIN, J. BRANHAM, B. BROWN, F. CROSBY, E. DILLINGHAM, C. DIXON, F. DVORAK, F. FARRELLY, R. FENRICK, S. HARDY, W. HARRINGTON, P. IVORY, J. JOHNSON, E. JONES, W. LAMAR, H. LUKA, A. MARTIN, G. MATHEWS, L. McCLELLAN, J. McGHEE, R. SAMPSON, C. SMITH, E. WASHINGTON, W. WHERRY, and R. WRIGHT...Bye now.

*- James Marshall*

**LIMITS -**

Operator DAVID PEREZ was united in marriage to a beautiful young lady named HAYDIE on April 27. The wedding took place at the North Shore Baptist church, Balmoral and Lakewood avenues, with the reception in the church parlor. Congratulations and best wishes to this fine couple. ..RAYMOND MUELLER, the son of Relief Superintendent LOU MUELLER, was graduated from Christian Brothers college in Memphis, Tennessee, on May 22. Congratulations to this fine young man...A new operator, MELVIN LOVELESS, recently returned from Viet Nam, where he was awarded a medal for gallantry in action. He is happy to be back and we know he will prove himself to be an outstanding operator...Supervisor GENE ADAMS has been confined to Belmont hospital, 4100 Melrose avenue, for some time due to illness. We all wish you a speedy recovery...LAVERNE SPEER, the wife of Operator WILLIAM SPEER, had a bad fall while shopping and broke her leg in several places. She is confined to Northwest hospital. A speedy recovery to you, Mrs. Speer...Operator R. WENZEL wishes to announce the forthcoming marriage of his daughter, JUDY, to JAMES PUCCI on June 12. Congratulations to this fine couple...Our sincerest sympathy to Assistant Superintendent of Surface Operations TOM SHANAHAN in the loss of his brother, EDWARD.

*- R. S. Benson*

**LOOP -**

First and foremost, we are proud to say that 1970 was CTA's safest year. Especially elated was Loop Agent MARY RITTER who was chosen to represent ticket agents at a ceremony in the CTA Board Room...On Saturday, May 8, Loop Agent BILL PFIEFFER gave up his gay bachelor life and took a bride. The couple was married at Little Flower church. Brunch for the wedding party and relatives was held after the ceremony. Congratulations, Bill, may you and your new bride have many happy years together. We hope the new Mrs. Pfieffer is a baseball fan as Bill coaches a little league team and spends a lot of time out on the ballfield...We heard from Retired Agent LILLIAN CONROY who is enjoying a life of ease in her new home in Schaumburg, Illinois...Our maintenance man, GEORGE JARRELL, returned from his vacation in Pensacola, Florida, beaming with pride. George's daughter presented him with his first grandchild while he was there and he had the pleasure of bringing the baby boy home from the hospital. He can hardly wait to make a return trip. Congratulations, George...Speaking of grandchildren, Retired Foot Collector J. GAVIN is really a proud grandpa. Nothing pleases him more than to take the baby out for his daily fresh air and sunshine...DOROTHY ADLER's number two grandchild arrived on April 15 (an income tax bonus). The infant girl weighed in at 8 pounds 10 ounces and was 21 inches long. Congratulations to Dorothy and the proud parents of little VERLEE ADLER...Last year, nine-year old DAVID DOYLE, the grandson of MILDRED and DAN DOYLE, made the family very proud when he received the first prize trophy in the final races at a Boy Scout Pow Wow. This year young David designed and built a rocket ship. A space derby was held the last week of March, and by golly, he did it again. David won the first prize trophy! Congratulations! On May 8, another grandson of the Doyles, DANNY DEMPSEY, made his first holy communion at St. Albert the Great church in Burbank, Illinois. After the ceremony, Danny, his parents, and grandparents went out to breakfast. Later

an open house was held for relatives and friends...On Saturday, April 24, DENISE DUGAN, the granddaughter of your co-reporter, MARY WIXTED, made her first holy communion at St. Celestines church in Elmwood Park, Illinois. Denise had the honor of carrying the chalice up to the altar and was one proud little girl. Grandma was, too... Birthday greetings to the following: DAVE GRAFMAN, A. SCOTT, B. ROLAND, L. FORD, H. McBRYDE, A. BATES, R. BLANKS, and G. CLARK. May you all enjoy many happy returns...Birthday greetings also to little KIMBERLY KAY MATTRAN, the granddaughter of JULIA and RAY MATTRAN, and to BILL and MICKEY PALLISTER, the son and grandson of Retired Agent HELEN PALLISTER. Also to NANCY WIXTED, DENISE DUGAN, and JEANNE ANN WIXTED, the daughter and granddaughters of your co-reporter, and BUTCH ADLER who celebrated his first birthday, too...LEO FORD spent the weekend of April 17 in Canada where he participated in the finals of the Knights of Columbus bowling championship games...On April 18, WILBUR STRASSER and his wife, HAZEL, left for a two-week vacation. When asked his destination, Wilbur said, "Here, there, and everywhere." Sounds interesting. We can hardly wait for his return to hear about his trip...Agent J. RAJEWSKI and his wife celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary with dinner at the Holiday Inn. Their children, grandchildren, and Mrs. Rajewski's mother joined them. After dinner they returned to the couple's home to continue the celebration. Congratulations, and may you have many more such happy occasions...We all look forward to our employment anniversary day off. All these lucky people had an especially nice day on this occasion: C. McDERMOTT, O. FLAHERTY, J. McCARTHY, B. BROWN, B. THOMAS, and J. WILSON. Thank you, CTA, from all of them...We are sorry to report that MIKE TOBIN, clerk in Central Assignment, is in the hospital. We hope he is improving daily, and our best wishes to him for a complete and speedy return to good health. . . Assignment Agent CECILIA ROPA has left the hospital and is now recuperating at home from recent surgery. We hope that she, too, will soon be back 100 per cent healthy. Hurry back, Ceal, we want to hear that voice again when we dial 411...LOUISE DREWS was ill again, but after a week of bed rest, as the doctor ordered, she is back on the job again...Agent DEANNA EDGERSON was injured in an automobile accident in February. She is now hobbling around a bit with the use of a cane. We hope she will be completely recovered very soon and return to us on her own power. Miss you, Deanna. We are also missing SLIM HOLMES and hope he, too, will be back with the group soon...JOHN FILIPEK is still on disability leave. Your co-reporter saw and spoke to him and he says he hopes to be back within a month or two. He also said he would like to hear from more of his friends... MONICA LAMKE returned from Tampa, Florida, with a lovely tan. She says she spent the days in shorts basking in the sun. It was quite a letdown when she landed back in our city and had to don her winter coat. That's life in the Windy City, Monica...JUNE BAREKMAN, CTA's own laughin girl, is planning her vacation, too. She will be taking in the sights in Norway, Denmark, and Sweden. We really envy her and will miss her when she leaves. We know hearing about her trip on her return will be fun with June (the vamp of V.B.S.), what else?..We were all shocked and deeply saddened by the death of our beloved Transit Board Chairman GEORGE L. DeMENT. He will be long remembered. We wish to express our sympathy to his family... Our sympathy also to the family of Trainman ROBERT STEEGE who passed away...We would like at this time to welcome all our new part-time agents as well as the part-timers who are returning for another summer with CTA... See you all next month. Keep smiling.

*- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wixted*

THIS LITTLE bundle of joy is CHESTER SEYMOUR III, the first son of PATRICIA and CHESTER SEYMOUR II, Congress Terminal. Father and son were born on the same date, April 17.

**MILWAUKEE, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -**

Here we are again rushing around with our outside work to be done, house cleaning, and getting ready for our vacations to start, plus a new pick going in. We sure hope everyone gets what they want for the summer as there is a lot of bumping going on...DAVID PAUL ZUPKO, the son of Superintendent and Mrs. JOHN ZUPKO, was one year old on March 26. How time does fly. GRACE MOUNTS' grandson also celebrated his birthday on March 26, but he was nine years old. He had a big dinner at grandma's house, with cake and ice cream, too...MARY BURROWS' daughter-in-law and new granddaughter, MICHELE MARIE, who was born on January 1, are flying here to see her. Grandma is really excited as this is the first time she will be seeing the new baby, and will have a great time getting acquainted. ..Congratulations to VIRGINIA OJER who celebrated her birthday on April 10, and FRED FRIEB whose birthday was on May 8. Here's hoping you both enjoyed your day off... Our sincere condolences to the family of Motorman R. STEEGE who passed away recently...Pensioner ADA DAILY came through the Spaulding Station recently and looked great. I guess she is enjoying being a lady of leisure...I believe we had 20 West Section agents who had anniversaries during the month of April. We hope you all enjoyed your day off... Superintendent JOHN ZUPKO and BETTY RUSSO went on vacation on April 20. Here's hoping they both had a wonderful and restful time...GRACE MOUNTS had her family home for Easter and had an egg hunt in the back yard. Grace and the parents were as excited as the grandchildren, and all enjoyed a nice day together...PEGGY HAYMON is running for the "Miss Windy City" crown. The contest will be held on June 27 at the High Chapparal, 7740 S. Stony Island. Good luck, Peggy, we hope you win... WILBUR STRASSER vacationed in Canada for a few days, while KAREN BULLOCK flew to Spain for two weeks. We hope they both had a wonderful time...Congratulations to MARY SUE MATHEWS who was the first of the recent group to qualify in the assignment agents training...Still on the sick list as of this writing are MIKE TOBIN, EARL GILBERT, JOE RYAN, ELEANOR HASBROUCK, and CECYLIA ROPA. Here's hoping that they will all be well soon and back to work... MARY RITTER and PATRICK

HOBAN represented the agents and janitors in the annual presentation of the safety awards at the Merchandise Mart on April 16. Coffee and doughnuts were served at the assignment office on April 28 and all the employes were invited. The goodies were given by management in appreciation for making 1970 our safest year...Your co-reporter, GRACE MOUNTS, has picked Irving Park Station on the Kennedy for the summer. For any news, you can reach her from 3 to 11 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

*- Grace Mounts & Katy Moriarty*

**NORTH AVENUE -**

We received a lovely Easter card from my old friend, Pensioner BILL ECHOLS, who is in the hospital at this writing. He may have to have surgery on his jaw. Bill's most recent address is: 112 Glens Trail, Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901. Mail sent there will reach him whether he is still in the hospital or at home...A letter from Pensioner LARS PEARSON and his wife, ANNA, sends greetings to all. They enjoyed their Florida vacation and visited some old friends and pensioners. They saw RALPH O'BRIEN and his Mrs., and TED HILDEBRANDT and his better half. Lars did some fishing and had great luck. Out of 40 men on the boat, Lars caught the biggest fish, a 28-pound grouper. He won the jackpot and his catch appeared on TV...Pensioner ART MOILANEN and his wife, BETTY, write that they had a snowy winter in L'Anse, Michigan, ranging from 260 to 270 inches of snow. Only Santa Claus could appreciate that. After treatments and exercises, Art's back is well. There was some good ice fishing there. Some of the fish were over 20 pounds and too big to get through the hole in the ice. Art is getting his equipment ready for some spring fishing. He says hello to all his friends at North. Art sent along a copy of the L'Anse Sentinel...Operator HERBERT JONES joined the ranks of the pensioners May 1. We wish him the best of everything. Keep in touch, Herbert. He plans to visit his sister in Arizona, and his daughter in Florida...Pensioner ERNEST BOCK and his spouse, EMILY, are going to be grandparents for the second time. Ernie is improving but, of course, not fast enough to suit him...Pensioner CAL ASH is enjoying his retirement and playing with his grandchildren...Pensioner JOHN SENKO is looking and feeling good. Another pensioner who is looking well and enjoying his retirement is WILLIAM MAIRE...Bus Dispatcher WILLIAM KOSEK, South Shops, celebrated his 39th birthday again. On April 16, both he and his horse became a year older. We send him our belated greetings. Bill and General Thaddeus Kosciusko are our two most famous Polish gentlemen born on April 16. RUDY GOODE says that Bill resembles the General in all ways--riding, walking, and talking...I met Former Clerk TONY ARNIERI who is now working at Kedzie and looking chipper...We are saddened to report the death of our good friend, Superintendent FRANK BUETOW, who passed away at Mayo Clinic on April 8. "Lead kindly light amidst the encircling gloom, lead thou me on." We extend our sympathy to his family. He was the brother of Operator BILL BUETOW...This is the season when North Avenue's greats on the golf course come to life polishing their golf clubs. Among these notables are Operators HAROLD FORSTER and MARTIN SEXTON...Those fishing experts, Clerks BILL PINASCO and BOB STACH, are getting ready for a trip to Minnesota...Have a nice Memorial day and be careful on the highways...Now for the news from the Inner Sanctum (front office) from Switchboard Operator WALTER (Flat Wheels) BLIX who, with his Mrs., will be heading for the Ozarks the day after writing this column... We all wish to send Superintendent DON LEMM a very happy but belated birthday greeting. It seems that he and the Easter bunny celebrated their day together. Of course, another birthday means another round of high-caloried birthday cake...We're hoping by the time this column is in print that Supervisor CHARLES OLCIKAS is up and around again. A bit of ticker trouble put him in Augustana hospital for awhile...By this time the cast should be off Mrs. ED WESTON's arm. Seems she fell and broke it while on a shopping expedition. You're going to have to take it easy going after those bargains. This gal is the wife of Instructor ED WESTON...Another gal on the sick list is the wife of Operator RICHARD SCHOLTENS. We're sending her a personal wish to get well and stay that way. No matter what's wrong with a person, it's just no fun being laid up for any length of time...We should be having some news as to what the following fellows did on their vacations: Instructor BOB MORRISON, Doorman TOM DOBBYN, and Custodian RAY JABLECKI...District Superintendent RAY REIGHARD is back from Arizona where he helped the White Sox get in shape for the pennant race this year...Clerk TOM HICKEY and his Mrs. should be back from their overseas jaunt. Did you ever learn to talk German, Tom?..Needless to say, Clerk "Uncle" AL ROHDE headed for Elkhorn, Wisconsin, to get his cottage ready for the summer season... The welcome mat is out for Former Operator JOE CABAY who now has the job of vacation relief switchboard operator. To our new extra clerk, CARL HANSEN, we say, "Enjoy those Saturdays and Sundays off, you know they're not going to last."

*- William Miedema*

**NORTH PARK -**

With the coming of the college students, your help and consideration will be appreciated by the instruction force. The hiring of these fellows makes summer vacations possible for most of us, so let's give them a hand...Golfers, remember the date--Monday, July 12--for Division 241's annual golf day at St. Andrews Golf club. We are looking forward to all golfers participating in this fine event...Operator KAZ YAWORSKI has a Skamper trailer which sleeps eight people, and is available for anyone needing a trailer this summer. Kaz can be reached at this telephone num-

LITTLE CHUCKY MACAK is dressed in the gymnastic uniform he wore when he participated in a mass calisthenics exhibition given by Sokol Brookfield. Chucky's dad, GEORGE MACAK, is the senior transit technician of the graphics section, Research and Planning.

# NEW PENSIONERS

JOINING THE ranks of the retired May 1 with 40 or more years of transit service each are, from left, EDWARD J. KOLAR, FRANK OLSZEWSKI, and FRANK M. JACOBSON.

HERMAN ANDERS, Senior Transit Analyst, Research & Planning, Emp. 9-25-28
CARL L. BISCH, Car Repairman "B", 61st Street, Emp. 10-14-47
GEORGE A. BROWN, Operator, Limits, Emp. 7-22-29
WALLACE W. BROWN, Yard Foreman, South Section, Emp. 4-8-46
ANGELO COSENTINO, Car Serviceman, West Section, Emp. 6-25-46
BRYANT W. DAVIS, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 11-29-56
RAYMOND E. DYLE, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 3-31-44
CLARENCE A. HAGEDORN, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 10-1-41
FRANK M. JACOBSON, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 3-12-29
HERBERT F. JONES, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 11-4-42
JOSEPH F. KENT, Supervisor, Central District, Emp. 11-11-36
WILLIAM J. KLECKA, Operator, Lawndale, Emp. 8-27-36
EDWARD J. KOLAR, Motorman, West Section, Emp. 10-28-24
JAMES C. LALLEY, Operator, Limits, Emp. 6-27-42
BERT H. LINNE, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 2-18-36
RALPH H. MARTZ, Equipment Engineer, Equip. Research & Development, Emp. 6-16-30
FRANK OLSZEWSKI, Machinist Foreman, Skokie Shops, Emp. 6-4-27
JOHN A. PONDEL, P.M. Instructor, Forest Glen, Emp. 4-22-47
BERNARD J. ROLAND, Conductor, West Section, Emp. 2-19-42
SIMON J. SCANLAN, Bus Repairer, 52nd Street, Emp. 1-13-43
WILLIAM SIMON, Janitor, Electrical, Emp. 2-16-36
CLARENCE P. VESELY, Messenger, Law, Emp. 8-18-47
FRANK J. VESELY, Collector, Kedzie, Emp. 7-11-45
PETER J. WEST, Signal Maintainer, Electrical, Emp. 3-5-26
FRANK M. ZEMAN, Motorman, West Section, Emp. 11-5-45

**DISABILITY RETIREMENTS**

ANGELO J. FALBO, Mechanic, South Shops, Emp. 1-19-48
JOHN S. FILIPEK, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 9-1-45
FRANCIS P. GLEASON, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 2-17-43
LLOYD ROBINSON, Car Repairman "B", Forest Park, Emp. 7-31-51

WITH A congratulatory handshake, Senior Transit Analyst HERMAN R. ANDERS, Research and Planning, receives his retirement portfolio from General Manager T. B. O'CONNOR at an open house held in his honor on April 29, while Supervisor of Graphics and Statistics JOHN P. O'CONNOR looks on. Herman retired on May 1 after 42 years of service.

MR. AND MRS. RALPH MARTZ, equipment engineer, were the guests of honor at a retirement dinner on April 28 in the M & M Club. Wishing him well were, left to right, Superintendent of Rapid Transit Maintenance Terminals A. J. PORCARO; Superintendent of Technical Services, Surface Division, R. M. SCHNEIDER, and Superintendent of Technical Services F. J. CIHAK.

ber--426-5680...Operator LARRY SHIELDS and his wife, GRAYCE, vacationed in Florida. On the agenda were visits to Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Lauderdale, and Key West... Utility Chauffeur STEVE HERMAN and his wife, HELEN, relaxed for two weeks at their beautiful home in Forsyth, Missouri. Steve reports that the trout fishing was excellent...Operator SEYMOUR STEINBERG and his wife, DOROTHY, spent two weeks at Santee, California, visiting their son, JOEL, and his wife, LINDA. The Steinbergs did considerable sightseeing in California and enjoyed their trip home on one of the new 747's...Mrs. MARIA BASTIDAS and her daughter, SOLEDAD, the wife and daughter of Operator GONZALO BASTIDAS, flew Delta airlines to Miami, Florida, where they boarded a Braniff airlines flight to Quito, Ecuador, South America, to visit Gonzalo's parents, Mr. and Mrs. REINALDO BASTIDAS. Also on the agenda was a stop at Guayaguil, Ecuador, to visit other relatives...Operator HAROLD JULITZ and his wife, ANN, spent two weeks at Cable, Wisconsin. Due to three feet of snow, there was no chance for ice fishing, so Harold and Ann settled for a new hobby--snowmobiling... Operator PAT SCIORTINO was installed as president of the Sambruca Club on Sunday, February 21, at Ferrera Manor. The purpose of the club is to provide scholarships to needy families. . . DENNIS DEGELMANN, the stepson of Operator HAROLD and SOPHIA SEDIN, is now a full-fledged member of the Skokie Police Department. All of the Skokie bus operators wish Dennis the best in his new position...Lieutenant JOHN STEINBEISS, the son of Instructor WALTER STEINBEISS, was graduated as a navigator on March 16 from Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. John, who was an operator at North Park, and his wife, VICKIE, will be living in Sacramento, California, where he will be stationed... HOWARD STEINBERG, the son of Operator SEYMOUR STEINBERG, and his wife, PAM, have purchased a new home in Glenview, Illinois, and are eagerly waiting to move in... JOSEPH GUZZARDO, the son of Operator IRVING and MILDRED SHER, was recently inducted into the National Honor Society at Von Stueben High school. Joseph will be starting his fall term at Von Stueben as a senior, and will be working hard to earn a few scholarships...Operator JIM RENTSCHLER has shifted jobs and is now working as a bus jockey, shifting buses from garage to garage. To keep your watches in repair, Jim can be reached at 227-6757... Operator RAY DONESKI and his wife, EVELYN, were honored on February 20 at the home of Operator HAROLD and ANNE ANDERSCHOT, who hosted a farewell party for Ray's retirement on March 1. Operators attending were: JOHN PAAKONEN, JOE DES PARTE, HENRY SCHRAMM, FRANK SAUCIER, Pensioner WILLIAM HORNKOHL, and their wives...Operator LEN BAEUCHLER spent his annual vacation in Phoenix, Arizona, where his brother, EDWARD, resides. Len reports considerable time was spent on the golf courses. He enjoyed a visit with Pensioner JOHN (Jake) JACOBY who lives in Scottsdale, and took in a couple of Cubs ball games...THOMAS LEE CARR, the son of Operator LE ROY and LOUISE CARR, was married on April 3 to Miss STEPHANIE HOWARD at Holy Cross church in Deerfield, Illinois. The reception was held at the Millionaires club with 200 guests attending. Tom and Stephanie are attending the University of Miami where they are in their junior year...Operator GENE BRUDNEY was married on Saturday, April 24, to Mrs. CARMELLA FRISINA at St. Clemons Catholic church in Streamwood, Illinois. The reception was attended by their immediate families, and the Brudneys will be at home in Streamwood... Happy anniversaries are extended to: Operator PETER DOLAN and his wife, ROSALEEN, their 14th; Operator JACK KOVITZ and his wife, SHIRLEY, their 40th; Operator JAMES PATRICK and his wife, ROSE MARIE, their 20th; Operator IRVING SHER and his wife, MILDRED, their 36th; Operator THOMAS WILSON and his wife, BONNIE, their 13th; Pensioner ALBERT NAGELE and his wife, ANNA, their 35th; Operator HAROLD JULITZ and his wife, ANN, their 37th; Operator P. J. SMITH and his wife, MADELYN, their 18th; Operator ADOLPH JENDRYCZKI and his wife, JEAN, their 33rd; Pensioner BEN GEACH and his wife, RUTH, their 50th; Pensioner JOE GRASSL and his wife, FLORENCE, their 49th; Operator LARRY SHIELDS and his wife, GRAYCE, their 33rd; Operator JIM RENTSCHLER and his wife, HAZEL, their 31st; Operator BERNIE KONIARSKI and his wife, GERTRUDE, their 24th; Operator MARVIN SALMANOFF and his wife, ETHELYN, their 6th; Operator RICHARD HALLIGAN and his wife, JOE, their 26th, and Supervisor RON MICKELS and his wife, JOANN, their 14th... Happy birthdays are extended to Operators LOUIS SCHWARTZ, LE ROY CONKLIN, HAROLD JULITZ, TEX RHIMES, SAM POSNER, and ADOLPH JENDRYCZKI, AGNES ERICKSON, TOM KURCZEWSKI, MATTHEW DOLAN, MARY KIRKWOOD, Pensioner JOE EIFFES, DAN KAZAR, ETHEL POSNER, MARTIN STERN, BETHEL KIRKWOOD, ROSALEEN DOLAN, HEIDI PESTINE, BETH PESTINE, VIOLET HORNING, and DANIEL KALATA...Our sympathy and condolences are extended to the families of Pensioner DANIEL MALONEY, Superintendent FRANK BUETOW, and Operator THOMAS MURPHY on the loss of his brother, JAMES MURPHY... Receiver WILBER (Bill) GERRISH and his wife, JOYCE, and children, KEVIN, ELLEN, and ANN, vacationed throughout the East and Southeast. Points visited were New York City, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, Washington, D.C., and West Point. They ended up in Washington, Georgia, where they stayed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. MACK BUFFORD...SUSAN STENZEL, the daughter of Receiver EDWARD STENZEL, was married on Saturday, April 17, to Mr. LARRY MUCHA at St. Cornelius Catholic church. The reception was held at Sokol hall and was attended by 150 guests. After their honeymoon the young couple will be at home on the Northwest Side. Ed became a grandfather when his son, RICHARD, who is a repairman at Forest Glen Garage, and his wife, KATHY, became the proud parents of a son, WILLIAM.

THESE TWO happy young lads are JEFFREY and RONALD JOSETTI, ages 4½ years and nine months, respectively, the grandchildren of Supervisor H. JOSETTI. Their dad, DAVID JOSETTI, is a West Section motorman.

PICTURED HERE is Corporal RANDY G. TRACY, the son of Superintendent of Operations RALPH TRACY, who was recently discharged from the U.S. Marine Corps. Randy plans to do construction work in northern Wisconsin during the summer, and attend Danville college in the fall where he will major in aviation.

The baby was born on April 8 at Northwest hospital, weighing 8 pounds...Repair Department Chit Chat: Engine Washer BOB KRAMER and his wife, LEE, became proud parents of their third child when a son named WILLIAM was born on April 10 at St. Francis hospital in Evanston weighing 9 pounds 2 ounces...Repairman CARL OTTEN underwent major surgery at Weiss Memorial hospital and is now recuperating nicely...Combination Clerk JOHN BILLIS was Clerk EARNIE LOTITO's replacement while he was on vacation and did an outstanding job...The garage congratulates J. HALL and J. NAWROCKI on their promotions as repairmen...Vacationing at this time are Day Foreman PHIL O'CONNOR, FRANK SIBLEY, ART CARLSON, GENE BRACH, MIKE JOYCE, PAUL SCHREVES, JOE COUGHLIN, R. MILLER, and EARNIE LOTITO...The sympathy of the garage is extended to Repairman ALEX FRITZLER on the recent death of his mother-in-law.

*- Melvin Horning*

**NORTH SECTION -**

Former Janitor ANDREW SMITH, now the gateman at the Kedzie avenue crossing on the Ravenswood line, extends his sincere thanks to his fellow employes who pulled him out of the gate shanty on Friday, March 19. A truck went through the gates into the path of a train, and was pushed into the shanty pinning Andy inside. Three carpenters and two bus drivers helped to rescue him from the shanty, and Andy would like for these men to let him know who they are so he can thank them personally...Our sincere sympathy to the family of Clerk EDWARD DeRANGO who passed away on April 4. Ed worked as a conductor, motorman, ticket agent, and finally as station clerk. His death was a shock to his co-workers...Our sincere sympathy to Clerk ANDREW CROUT and his family on the death of his father...Welcome to Clerks ROBERT STEWART and LOUIS LOEBBAKA, both of whom were in the hospital, but are now back to work...Ticket Agent LORRAINE ORR was rushed to the hospital from work, but is now home. We hope she will be well soon and able to return to work...Ticket Agent B. ATKINSON is a patient at Grant hospital. We all wish her a speedy recovery and a return to good health. How about some of you fellow employes sending her a card?..Supervisor ROBERT THOMAS was home ill for a week but is now back at work and going strong...Supervisor HARRY HORN and his wife, DOREEN, ticket agent, had to rush their daughter to the hospital after she fell from a swing at school and broke her arm. It had to be re-set six times before it was finally in place...Agent EVELYN LANZ has returned to work, and her many friends are most happy to see her back. Evelyn wishes to thank all who sent cards, called, or visited her...Agent EARL STEVENS is now home after many months in the hospital. He would like to hear from some of his many agent friends...Agent "Oke" O'CONNOR received a call that his brother, sister, and nephew are all in the hospital. Our hope and prayers are extended to him so that he may be able to bear up under this added heartache...Supervisor JOE KORAL and the members of his family enjoyed a happy weekend, as his son, RICKEY, had a weekend pass from the air force...Superintendent ROBERT SUTA spent a week's vacation around the house. For him it was fix-it week. However, he was not to be outdone by Paul Bunyon, as he dug up three trees around his house. We wonder if he has a blue ox, too?..Student Agent BILL WIETZEL celebrated his birthday on April 30. Belated birthday greetings, Bill...Agent HELEN HANSEN and her husband flew to Washington, D.C., to visit their daughter and two grandchildren. Helen said it was cherry blossom time, and the view of the trees around the tidal basin was beautiful. While they were there, Helen, her husband, and their daughter celebrated their birthdays together... Birthday greetings to Agent SOL SCURTI. We wonder how many candles were on his cake, as he won't tell us how old he is. Vanity, oh vanity. Sol has a wonderful singing voice, and sings with a small combo. While I was in the hospital he dedicated a song to me, and afterwards someone stole the drums. Sol, I didn't put the evil eye on you as you said. ..To Superintendent T. D. BOYLE, who is now on the West Section, from all of us on the North Section, HAPPY BIRTHDAY!..Birthday greetings also are sent to Janitor THOMAS CAMERON and Agent CHARLIE MAE GRIFFIN... Still on the sick list at this time are Agents F. FALLECK, WARDEN MARKS, and PAT ROSENGARTNER. We wish them all a speedy recovery and hurry back to work...Our sincere condolences to the family of Agent WAYNE GRIFFIN who passed away. Wayne was a former bus operator who had 25 years with CTA...Agent MINNA KING vacationed in St. Petersburg, Florida, visiting with her mother and father. Minna was soaking up that wonderful Florida sunshine while we were here having snow flurries...Car Repairman JAMES CUNNINGHAM is quite the outdoorsman. Last winter he went ice fishing at Green Lake, Wisconsin. The results, one frozen James and no fish. In May he is going fishing at White Fish Lake, Wisconsin. Good luck, Jim, don't let the big ones get away.

*- Tina Henke*

**OPERATIONS (Transportation) -**

RAY DAGENAIS and his wife, SYLVIA, headed west on their vacation. They went to Las Vegas and, needless to say, they did not leave there as winners. They stopped and visited with JAKE JACOBY and one of Ray's cousins living in Mesa, Arizona, and also went to El Paso, Texas, and New Mexico. The weather was fine and they enjoyed their two-week trip...JAMES R. BLAA and his wife, ANN, and daughter, MARY BETH, flew to Salt Lake City, Utah, to visit with his son, JIM. During their ten-day stay, they went sightseeing, taking in Brigham Young university, the Mormon Tabernacle, and the ski resorts. The weather was beautiful and they had a wonderful time...THOMAS SHANAHAN and his wife, ANN, drove to Florida and then flew to

the Bahamas for their vacation. Here he led a life of leisure relaxing in the shade, sleeping late, and enjoying the beauty of the island. It was a great vacation and they enjoyed every minute of it...Your scribe recently returned from a wonderful two-week vacation. Again I went south to the little white house of JACK and WANDA KRAUSE in North Miami, Florida. I managed to go fishing a number of times and caught some nice kingfish, one weighing about 20 pounds. The water in the ocean and pool was beautiful and I only missed one day of swimming. We went to many places and visited with many friends. Other CTA employes I met down there were RAY and DOROTHY PRYOR, TOM and ALICE SPRATT, JOHN and MILLIE THUROW, and CLARENCE and LOTTIE MALOTTKE. One evening we drove to Delray Beach and another evening to Naples just for dinner. I had a wonderful time, the weather was beautiful, and I can't wait to return to my second home...Congratulations to EDNA SOUTHWORTH who recently transferred as an information clerk to a buyer in the Purchasing Department. We send our best wishes for good luck in your new job...Our sympathy is extended to MARY ROACH whose husband, JOHN, passed away on May 5. Mass was said at 10 a.m. on May 8 at Holy Name Cathedral and the funeral was at St. Mary's cemetery. Our condolences are also extended to THOMAS SHANAHAN on the death of his brother, EDWARD, who passed away on April 17. GEORGE M. KNYASTON, a retired surface system clerk, passed away on April 18. We would like to extend our sympathy to his wife, ELLIE, and his daughter, LAUREL. The funeral was on April 21 in Hollywood, Florida, where he lived. Four of the pallbearers were JACK KRAUSE, HERMAN ERICKSON, JOE O'CONNOR, all retired from the CTA, and JOHN THUROW from 77th Street.

**(Traffic Planning) -**

Congratulations to THOMAS LORENZ who received one of the first pass cases for submitting an acceptable suggestion.

**(Utility and Emergency Service) -**

On April 1, JOE ZARUBA retired after 24 years of service with CTA. In honor of the occasion, cake and coffee was served and enjoyed by some of his friends already on pension, namely, J. MULREE, E. FEHLHABER, and W. JOHNSON. Good luck, Joe, and have a happy retirement. We would also like to thank Mrs. O. W. JOHNSON for supplying the refreshments...M. DALEY spent his vacation at home taking care of the house as his wife was in the hospital. Best wishes to Mrs. Daley for a speedy recovery... Spring must be here because J. ROCHE spent his one-week vacation doing work around the house. Others on vacation were: A. DI BENEDETTO, R. BOWERS, G. HOWARD, F. GOODRICH, J. BEAUFORD, W. FULTZ, A. SCHMIDT, R. CHRISTMON, G. KACMAREK, W. CRIGLER, S. JAVORSKI, and A. WORKS...Presently off sick are R. O'GORMAN and A. KRAUS. We wish both of them a speedy recovery...We are happy to see W. RAKAUSKIS and L. HEISE back at work after being hospitalized.

*- Colette Szczepanek*

**RAPID TRANSIT MAINTENANCE TERMINALS -**

Congratulations to PATRICIA and CHESTER SEYMOUR, Congress, on the birth of their first son, CHESTER P. III. The future All-American was born on his dad's birthday, April 17, and tipped the scale at 8 pounds 10 ounces. Dad is still in the clouds, but mom and the baby are doing fine. ..Our condolences to DON SANDUK, Congress, and his family on the passing of his son...Best wishes for a long and healthy retirement are sent to A. COSENTINO, Congress, who retired on May 1. Among the many friends and well-wishers to say goodby was his brother-in-law, JOHN CANNELLA...Good luck to CARL BISCH, 61st Street, and LLOYD ROBINSON, Forest Park, who went on pension May 1. Here's hoping they have many happy and healthful days ahead...Welcome to F. PORCARO Jr., new car serviceman at Congress. Frank is the brother of ANTHONY PORCARO...Congratulations to JOHN DANIELS, Congress, who won $100 and became a soul brother. John won the first prize in a raffle sponsored by New Nazerath Baptist church, and upon hearing of his good fortune donated the prize back to the church. His generous actions were acknowledged in a thank you card from the pastor and board members of the church, and also by JOHN and LULA NEELY who sold John the ticket...On vacation, in time for the first game of the season, were A. ODROWSKI and C. MERCURE, Kimball...A hearty welcome to Repairman B. BEVIS and Car Servicemen RAY JANICKI and D. BUSCH who transferred to Kimball...Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. R. L. SMITH, Dan Ryan, on the birth of their son, TONY LOUIE. Little Tony made his first mark in the world on April 8. Best wishes to mom, dad, and baby... Comparing fish stories and golf scores were vacationers J. CAMPBELL, Q. BONDS, W. THORNTON, and D. COYLE, Dan Ryan...Welcome to the new men at Dan Ryan, L. SLAY, H. BIGGS, C. B. BROWN, A. DUCKETT, and J. PUGH.

*- Ray Brzezek*

**PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -**

Easter month is here and gone, and we hope the bunnies were good to all of you (not the Playboy kind!)...As of this writing LEE DeSUTTER, Specifications Department, is in Edgewater hospital. This is most unfortunate for her, because her husband is in the same hospital at the same time. We hope their stay will be short...We're happy to hear of Purchasing's JOAN THOMAS' hop, skip, and jump from utility clerk to clerk III...JOANNE BOETTIN, formerly of

NORTH AVENUE Transit News reporter WILLIAM MIEDEMA was a recent visitor of Pensioner LARS E. PEARSON at his home in Mountain Home, Arkansas, and you can bet that the main topic of discussion was fishing. Pictured here, left to right, are: Pensioner BILL WERREMEYER, Bill, and Lars.

the Employment Department, has recently been added to the Stores clerical section replacing SHARON HAMILTON who resigned. The welcome mat is extended to you, Joanne...KEVIN BARRETT, who left CTA in December as an order clerk in Stores, G.O., paid his former co-workers in the Mart a visit. It was good to see him again...HAROLD ENWRIGHT, stock clerk II, Skokie, was put to hard—PUFF, PUFF—work on his vacation cleaning house. His wife told him to do it—OR ELSE! (Wonder what that little OR ELSE means?)...ARTHUR HOFFMANN, stock clerk II, South Shops, is still on the sick list. We're rooting for you to get better quick, Art...Sympathies are in order for BERNIE FITZPATRICK, stock clerk II, South Shops, on the passing of his father, and to JAMES WALLACE, laborer, South Shops, on the passing of his son...Hello, HANK BRANDENBURG! Glad to see you back after your extended illness. Sure did miss you at South Shops...The welcome mat is out for RALPH PODGORSKI, typist at South Shops, replacing JACKIE McLEAN who resigned. Glad to have you on our team, Ralph...Skiing is a fantastic winter sport, and JESSE JUMPER, stock clerk I, South Shops, had an opportunity to try his luck on those long strips of wood. Jesse spent a week of his vacation in Europe. He went on a Sno-Gophers-Ski-the-Alps trip to Courchevelle, France, and Geneva, Switzerland. Jesse's reaction when we asked him how his trip went? Wonderful, marvelous! You can say that again, Jesse...JOHNNY MARASOVICH, stock clerk II, South, spent a week's vacation visiting Back Porch, U.S.A...PHILIP MELLENDER, laborer, South, finally got a chance to go somewhere on his vacation—touring Crete, Illinois...Divisional Storekeeper ART EGGERT, South, admired the lovely white flakes falling from the clouds while on his vacation in Marshfield, Wisconsin. At least you weren't shoveling them, Art, so you're doing all right...Last, but not least, DONALD TARNOWSKI, stock clerk I, South, has been unable to locate any new girlfriends as of this writing, but we'll keep our eyes open for you, Don...That's it for now, folks. Hope to hear from all of you next month.

*- Cathy Clough & John Gill*

**SKOKIE SHOPS -**

LOUIS KARIOLICH, electrical worker, and his wife, RUBY, are the proud grandparents of a baby girl, CYNTHIA KARIOLICH, born on April 15 weighing 6 pounds 9 ounces. Lots of happiness to the parents, LEWIS and ANTIMA...GERRY GULLERY, electrical worker, and his wife are proud grandparents for the second time, with the birth of a baby girl, DAWN, on April 12 weighing 6 pounds 8 ounces at Loyola hospital. The proud parents are TOM and MAUREEN WODARSKI. Tom works in Methods and Procedures at the Mart, and his father is a bus operator at Forest Glen...ROBERT BINNIE, electrical worker, and his wife, CAROL, are vacationing in sunny Florida...JOHN ZDUNEK, upholsterer, and his wife, VIRGINIA, had a week's vacation in Florida with their daughter and son-in-law...CATHERINE ANN HEGARTY, clerk, and her husband, HUGH HEGARTY, financial secretary of Division 308, have moved into their new home in Edison Park. Lots of luck and enjoy it...TED LESNIAK, electrical worker, and his wife, are very proud of their son, MICHAEL, who was recently honored for high academic achievement at Monmouth college, Monmouth, Illinois. To receive this honor, a student must earn a 3.5 average on a 4-point scale...RUDY CHUCAN, shopman, and his wife, MARY, are the proud grandparents of a little girl, JEANNE MARIE CHUCAN, born at Scymore Municipal hospital weighing 7 pounds 6 ounces. The mother is doing great, and the father, RONALD, is happy he can stop walking the floor...When this magazine goes to press, the Skokie Shops employes will be making final preparations for our second annual picnic, July 24, at Northwestern Park woods. We hope this year's picnic will surpass the outing last year, which had an attendance of over 700 people on a rainy day! Plans include free refreshments (bring your own pitcher), plenty of door prizes, games for children and adults supervised by a real clown, pony and train rides for the children, and dancing in the evening. We are even having a real old-fashioned popcorn, hot dog, and peanut wagon! Doesn't that bring back memories? You can get your tickets at $3.00 per family by calling Skokie Shops. The grove can only accommodate 1,200 people so get your tickets early. This is our way to fight inflation. Where else can a family have an all-day outing for only $3.00?

*- Everett E. England*

THIS YOUNG lady is BEVERLY LEWIS, the nine-year old daughter of WINMON LEWIS, leader, South Shops Paint Shop, who made her television debut on March 31 as a solo pianist on Channel 26. This was part of a South Side neighborhood youth program.

**SOUTH SHOPS -**

A warm welcome goes out to RAYMOND BLAU, the new general supervisor for Material Control and Office Procedures...Congratulations to DELORD HATCHER, painter, on his appointment to body area painter of Area 312 and 318. Mr. Hatcher is replacing Pensioner AARON AUSTIN. We would also like to congratulate GEORGE BLANCHE on his graduation to journeyman carpenter after a long, hard four years as an apprentice in Area 314...Foreman JOSEPH SOWIZRAL was on vacation for a week and spent it all in one of the most beautiful cities there is, Chicago. Joe said he really enjoyed himself very much just sightseeing and taking in the Cubs opener at Wrigley Field...TOM BURIAN, mechanic apprentice, is enjoying the pleasures of a new Pontiac Grand Prix. His car pool partner, MURPHY, says Tom only hopes the Grand Prix will last throughout the payment period...STEVE MATTES enjoyed a lovely vacation in Sarasota, Florida, for ten days...The fellows in the Upholstering Department would like to wish a speedy recovery to STANLEY MAZUREK who has been off sick for two weeks...Congratulations are in order for a "very nice guy", WALTER COLEMAN, on his promotion to Leader of Area 321...We welcome back 1st Lieutenant MICHAEL FIORITO, the son of SAM FIORITO, carpenter, who spent

# RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYES

EDWARD J. ANDRACKI, 49, Engineering,
Emp. 8-17-50, Died 4-14-71
HENRY A. ALM, 93, Archer,
Emp. 5-25-10, Died 3-9-71
ROBERT BLAIR, 61, 77th Street,
Emp. 3-29-34, Died 4-20-71
PATRICK BROWN, 84, Devon,
Emp. 2-25-10, Died 3-28-71
FRANK BUETOW, 63, North Avenue,
Emp. 7-31-29, Died 4-8-71
KATHERINE CARNEY, 73, West Section,
Emp. 8-11-41, Died 3-11-71
JOSEPH CELANO, 58, 61st Street,
Emp. 11-25-41, Died 3-23-71
CARL E. CHEEVER, 78, North Section,
Emp. 11-8-26, Died 3-17-71
MATTEO CIRRINCIONE, 78, Track,
Emp. 3-27-30, Died 3-29-71
JOHN H. CLAUSSEN, 86, 77th Street,
Emp. 4-6-09, Died 3-23-71
MICHAEL J. COLEMAN, 56, Forest Park,
Emp. 1-10-49, Died 4-3-71
BOOKER DANIELS, 58, Engineering,
Emp. 5-18-51, Died 4-6-71
THOMAS J. DAWSON, 68, South Section,
Emp. 10-20-25, Died 4-3-71
EDWARD DeRANGO, 48, North Section,
Emp. 9-21-59, Died 4-4-71
JOHN J. DORAN, 70, Archer,
Emp. 11-20-42, Died 3-11-71
OTTO D. EDIE, 80, Devon,
Emp. 4-28-21, Died 3-12-71
PAUL EMIL, 74, Kimball,
Emp. 9-15-27, Died 3-26-71
ADOLF L. FLORCZAK, 75, Howard Street,
Emp. 8-14-16, Died 3-23-71
THOMAS HANNIGAN, 65, Archer,
Emp. 6-9-23, Died 3-18-71
NIELS M. HANSEN, 68, West Section,
Emp. 2-6-45, Died 3-17-71
WILLIAM H. HEIN, 84, 77th Street,
Emp. 6-22-11, Died 3-6-71
GEORGE J. HUART, 80, Devon,
Emp. 2-3-20, Died 3-25-71
JOHN R. HUBER, 77, Devon,
Emp. 12-21-25, Died 3-8-71
SIDNEY E. JOHNSON, 89, North Section,
Emp. 5-17-46, Died 1-22-71
STANLEY KASTEN, 74, South Shops,
Emp. 1-30-45, Died 3-15-71
STEPHEN KREVE, 86, Kedzie,
Emp. 9-9-17, Died 4-1-71
HARVEY LAWRENSON, 79, North Avenue,
Emp. 8-6-23, Died 3-4-71
REACO MARKETTE, 89, 77th Street,
Emp. 12-18-17, Died 2-27-71
MARY M. NOLAN, 75, West Section,
Emp. 9-23-41, Died 3-24-71
GERALD T. O'CONNOR, 59, North Avenue,
Emp. 3-13-43, Died 3-9-71
THOMAS O'KEEFE, 75, 77th Street,
Emp. 4-30-26, Died 3-12-71
MITAR PAVLICA, 84, Track,
Emp. 5-16-21, Died 2-11-71
WALTER RACZKOWSKI, 56, Archer,
Emp. 3-2-55, Died 4-6-71
ERNEST RIVOLTORTO, 70, Way & Structures,
Emp. 10-26-44, Died 2-20-71
VICTOR RIZZUTO, 58, 77th Street,
Emp. 2-3-43, Died 3-1-71
ROBERT STEEGE, 55, West Section,
Emp. 8-26-63, Died 4-17-71
HARRY E. TANNHAUSER, 79, Revenue Accounting,
Emp. 6-11-20, Died 3-5-71
MORRIS TAYLOR, 83, Kedzie,
Emp. 9-19-18, Died 3-3-71
ROSCOE TREECE, 70, North Section,
Emp. 4-10-23, Died 3-1-71
JOHN VUCKOVICH, 78, Track,
Emp. 8-7-42, Died 2-22-71
ROBERT C. WATSON, 76, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 1-16-20, Died 3-19-71
JOSEPH WATTERS, 86, District "A",
Emp. 8-30-23, Died 3-31-71
MARTIN J. ZAPF, 85, South Shops,
Emp. 9-26-10, Died 3-25-71
JOSEPH S. ZIAJA, 83, Limits,
Emp. 5-11-26, Died 3-9-71

11 months in Viet Nam...GEORGE STREICH and his wife just completed a 6,700 mile motor tour with a camper through the southwest. They spent a night at Alco Pass, Illinois, with Retired Electrician DAN SHERRARD. They visited the Large Cross on the side of Knob Hill in Southern Illinois. They then went to El Paso, Texas, where they rode the streetcar from El Paso to Juarez, Mexico. The fare from El Paso to Juarez was ten cents, while the fare from Juarez to El Paso was only two cents. From there they traveled to the Carlsbad Caverns where they took a 3½ mile tour 830 feet underground, then on to Mesa, Arizona, where they spent four days with MIKE RUBEY, retired machinist, and left there for California where they visited Disneyland, Knotts Berry Farm, Universal Studios, Marineland, drove on the Ocean Drive, and then returned home...The fellows of Area 318 would like to wish PAT BARRY, carpenter apprentice, and STANLEY SARNA, foreman, a speedy recovery from their recent injuries. Take care of yourselves, fellows, we all miss you...PHIL SCHLOGEL, Area 346, and his wife enjoyed their second trip within a year to the Rio Grande Valley area and Mexico. They had a pleasant visit with his father, who is 88 years old, and his sister and brother-in-law in McAllen, Texas. They spent a week in Monterey and Saltilla, Mexico. Phil thinks the Rio Grande Valley would be a great place for retirement...W. WILLENIUS, foreman, Area 345, retired on April 1. His announcement stating that he would retire was not taken seriously by RAY SPATZEK. Ray made a wager of $10 with JOHN K. that Bill's 45 years of service would continue. His chagrin on losing this wager was in evidence when he paid off with 1,000 pennies--no more or less. John K. stated that this was considered, from the beginning, as having a money-back guarantee... Congratulations to RALPH T. BERNDT Jr., Area 348, on the birth of a daughter, HEIDI JEAN, weighing 6 pounds 2 ounces, on March 2 at Christ Community hospital. Ralph also became a journeyman machinist on May 17...DON CRIGLER, Area 348, joined the ranks of journeymen on

May 2...ROBERT BARNS, laborer, Area 312, was presented with a baby boy, CRAIGERY, who was born on Easter Sunday weighing 8 pounds 9 ounces. Bob also has three other children, BARBARA, TONYA, and ROBERT Jr. He would like to wish Tonya a belated happy birthday, April 9.

*- Elaine Stewart & Bob Brown*

**SOUTH SECTION -**

Soon summer will be here, so let's hope the Cubs and White Sox have a rousing year and both end up on top...Our safest year in CTA history was 1970, and we all should be proud of the fact that each and every one of us helped make it possible. It was also Ashland's safest year since 1966, and we received a nice plaque in honor of the occasion. Free coffee and rolls were served and enjoyed by all. Let's all work a little harder in 1971 to make it an even greater year...We extend our congratulations to Conductor CARL SCHEUERMANN and his wife who will be celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary soon...We recently heard that Retired Motorman PAUL SCHILLE passed away. Our sincere condolences to his family...Good news--Janitor ALFRED HARRIS and Conductor HORACE GRAYSON are back working and off the sick list...Retired Yard Foreman JOHN LEMKE was around recently to see the boys at Ashland and he looks real good and says "hello" to everyone... Wow, 95th Street is going great guns. They beat their complaint-commendation par and had free rolls and coffee, and they also won the Interstation Safety Contest award for the first quarter of 1971 and will get coffee and rolls again in the near future. Our South Section is really great...The officers of the South Side Credit Union and their wives held their dinner recently at David's restaurant and all who attended had a great time, including myself and my hubby, ROLAND. It was a delicious dinner--and you know how I love dinners...We were sorry to hear that Motorman JOSEPH GRIFFIN fell and broke his ankle and will have the cast on for six weeks. Let's hope the time goes by quickly, Joe, and you will soon be back to work...Hi to newly-hired Agents VICKY BROWN, IONAE HARRIS, ALICE ARMSTRONG, and DOROTHY WILSON, and Janitor WALTER HEARD who transferred from Shops & Equipment...Retired Clerk JOHN MORAN called and said that his widowed son was married recently. So John and his wife have moved to a super apartment building in Harwood Heights with swimming pool, recreation room, and many other features. They really are enjoying their new apartment. . . Agent CHARLES FRANK went on pension April 1. He was a fine agent and person and will be missed by all his co-workers. A good retired life is wished Charles...On the sick list at this writing is Clerk JOE O'CONNOR. Here's hoping his health improves real soon. We all miss him at work...Retired Motorman EDWARD HENNESSY and his wife are back in Chicago now from their trip to Arizona. While there they visited with North Section Motorman PAT FLATLEY and his wife. They have a beautiful home. They also visited with his brother who was a surface system carpenter. They wish to be remembered to all their North and South Section friends...Congratulations to Agent PHYLLIS WOODS who was married recently and is now PHYLLIS AMAH... Conductor CARL SCHEUERMANN is to be commended for rescuing a woman on April 9 who was trying to jump in front of a train at Howard Street. Carl, you did a wonderful job...Received a nice postcard from the traveling ARTHUR ANDERSONS, retired assistant station superintendent, from Tallahassee, Florida. They traveled through the southland and had a wonderful trip.

*- Vona Hartney*

GUESTS OF HONOR at the annual Engineering Department retirement dinner in the Peacock Room, May 7, were department members who retired during the year ending May 1. The group includes, from left, Mrs. and Mr. VINCE MULE, Mrs. and Mr. ED BECKER, Mrs. and Mr. WILLIAM STAPLETON, Superintendent of Engineering E. E. OLMSTEAD, Mr. and Mrs. SID KAPPENMACHER, and Mr. and Mrs. JOE MARTELLO.

**52ND STREET -**

JAMES HUNTER Jr., the son of Operator JAMES HUNTER, a student at De LaSalle institute was elected a member of the National Honor society. He was also listed among the "A" students at the school...The swing run operators are tipping their hats to Superintendent FRANK VITEK for eliminating that overtime in the fuel line. Now one good turn deserves another, so let's come in on time... After 18 years of working nights, Repairman ALBERT BENN has picked days. Al says he will do the rest of his time in the daylight...Congratulations to the 52nd Street repair department for their fine efforts in winning their first safety award, presented by Safety Coordinator JIM DUDLEY and J. J. REPPLINGER, superintendent of surface systems shops and garages. A hearty thanks from all of us to Foreman GUSTAVE PAVELKA, EDWARD ADAMS, HOSEA JOHNSON, WILLIE COOPER, and DANIEL CHORAK for a job well done. Keep up the good work, fellows, this is the first of many awards to come...We are sorry to announce that we have lost the fine services of SIMON SCANLAN who went on pension May 1. In his leisure, we wish him many happy days ahead.

*- John L. Hudson*

**69TH STREET -**

The janitors had a new pick and, as usual, we ended up with the cream of the crop. Our number one man is R. RAJ, number two is SIG WODARCZYK, "Red" GREEN is number three, with LEROY MARSHALL in the number four position. N. ODOM is our night man, and LAWRENCE PAGE is working as the relief man. BOB JEROZAL left us for the 77th Street terminal job. Sig is going to Cambridge, Massachusetts, for a two-week vacation to see his son, FRANK, graduate from Harvard university. Frank will continue his education at the University of California at Berkeley. It is gratifying to know that some of our children

are taking advantage of the opportunities that this great country offers...F. C. STAWINSKI is really going to enjoy the smooth ride of his new LTD, as he just had an operation, you know where...We can be proud of the fact that we broke our commendation/complaint par for the month of March...We extend our deepest sympathy to Operator D. DOWNES on the loss of his sister, DELIA BEHNLE... "Choo-Choo" FRALE and his son are planning the train ride of all time! Their first stop will be New Orleans on the Illinois Central, next the Sunset Limited will take them across the southern states to Los Angeles. The Coast Line of California will take them to San Francisco and up to Seattle, Washington. The Northern route will bring them back home. In all, they will cover 18 states. I'm not worried about how many blisters they are going to have—but how can Frale pack a lunch for such a trip?..With vacation time here, how about dropping a line as to where you are going and what you are doing?..JIMMY AHERN of the Repair Department reports that HANK MILLER, one of our former trainmen, has returned from Florida. He will spend the summer months here with his old friend, Pensioner CHESTER WILLIAMS, who lives near Kankakee. He also has JOHN TIFFY on his list. We wish him and all the other pensioners good health and many years of happiness. ..MARTIN SWANSON, formerly a mechanic at 69th, took his pension on March 1...We offer our best wishes to JAMES CASEY who is off sick, and hope he will be able to return to work soon...FRANK KERMAN is going on a fishing trip to Wisconsin. We hope he catches enough for a good fish fry...Congratulations to CTA and Division 241 on the new pension plan...So, Mrs. YOUNG, take good care of MICKEY...May God bless all of you and remember, drive safely.

*- Arthur P. Buesing*

**77TH STREET -**

Sorry that our column didn't appear in the last issue of Transit News, but due to the "flu-bug", I was confined at home and missed the deadline for submitting news items...

**CORNED BEEF** and cabbage topped the menu this year just as it has in the past 24 years. As always, active and pensioned Electrical Department employes turned out in force to honor the year's retirees at their annual dinner held at Harrington's on North Milwaukee avenue. The six pensioners include, from left, **JOHN DARCY, CLARENCE MALOTTKE, J. R. HAYDON, AMOS SMITH, JOSEPH HERMAN,** and **CHARLES PARK.**

Belated birthday wishes are sent to the following operators: A. JEFFERSON, H. L. CARTER, R. PLATT, S. C. HALL, A. W. WINDHAM, W. E. FRANKLIN, F. A. ODOM, D. JOHNSON, J. R. JONES Jr., I. HOLDEN, J. L. HARDY, N. MOORE Jr., I. BAILEY, W. GREER, I. R. KERSH, C. WALKER Jr., J. THOMAS, L. C. GARY, G. E. GARFIELD, A. HART, D. HUDSON, E. SIBLEY, S. LOTT, E. J. RAVE, R. E. DYLE, A. G. BUTLER, A. WILLIAMS, L. WRIGHT, J. W. RILEY Jr., R. McDONALD, A. C. THOMAS, A. C. PLANJE, B. A. RAWLS, C. L. BLAKENEY, J. STEWART, D. BOWEN, R. LANE, J. CARTER, T. PETERS, L. DURR, J. W. JONES, T. GUERIN, J. GILLIAM, J. H. IRWIN, C. W. PARRISH, R. J. ROBINSON, E. J. TILLEY, S. ANDERSON, H. DONAHUE, L. MARCY, W. GARVIN, W. BYRD, F. GREEN, W. HARVEY, A. FOWLER, D. LEE, W. SMITH, A. JACKSON, C. HARRIS, M. AMBICKI, L. CRAIG, J. KERSH Jr., E. BROWN Jr., L. ROSE, W. OGLESBY, L. HOLT, A. R. WILLIAMS, J. HARDING, J. GILMORE, W. WALKER, R. WILLIAMS, M. BRITTAIN, N. JONES, and J. JACOBS...We would like to apologize to Operator B. WATKINS for omitting his name from the February birthday list...Operator BOOKER BYERS and his wife, BARBARA, celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary on February 25. Congratulations to you both...Miss CORTHEA QUALLS, the daughter of Operator JEFFREY QUALLS, celebrated her birthday on March 22. Happy belated birthday, Corthea...Belated birthday wishes to the two daughters of Operator V. JONES. SONJA celebrated her birthday on March 3, and REMEL celebrated hers on March 14...Our sincere sympathy is extended to Operator RUDOLPH CAMPBELL and his family on the passing of his father. Our sympathy is also extended to Instructor B. HENDERSON and his family in the passing of his mother. She was buried in Oklahoma...Congratulations are in order for all the operators at 77th Street. We beat our commendation and complaint pars for the month of March. Let's make it a clean sweep next month by beating our accident par which is of even greater concern to Superintendent J. KNERR...Instructor FRANCIS SMITH retired on March 1 after 44 years of service. Best wishes to Frank for a healthy and happy retirement...RAY PRYOR, supervising instructor, South, and Instructor TOM SPRATT will be winging their way to Florida on vacation. We wonder who will be in charge of the instructors now that Ray and Tom are gone?..Operator ANDREW BUTLER and his wife, WILMA, are very proud of their son, ANDREW Jr., who was recently graduated from Roosevelt university. Congratulations to all of you. Andy Sr. and Andy Jr. celebrated their birthdays in April. Andy Jr. was 22, but the old man wouldn't divulge how old he was. That's alright, Andy, if you don't tell me, Wilma will...News from the clerk's cage--Clerk HARRY RONS vacationed in Florida and Nassau for two weeks...Chief Clerk RUDY ALBRECHT's wife is in the hospital with a broken arm... Clerk TOM McGUIRE is in Little Company of Mary hospital recovering from surgery...We would like to welcome Clerk JAMES BURKE to our clerical staff...A fond welcome to ED LEVI who has returned after a 71-day absence. ..The softball team is now practicing for the upcoming season, and I am told by Team Manager CHARLES JOHNSON that all positions are open...I am taking this opportunity to request that those operators who have been breaking bottles in the parking area, please refrain from such an infantile habit. Your fellow employes who drive their cars to work are finding that their tires are being cut. Let's find something more constructive to do.

*- Elessie Gresham*

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Michael Cafferty
*Chairman*

TO ALL EMPLOYES:

Until I greet each one of you personally, I want to introduce myself through TRANSIT NEWS and express my appreciation for the fine job you are doing as CTA employes.

On my travels around the system since I came to Chicago as Transit Board Chairman two months ago, I have been extremely impressed with the pride and positive attitude that employes take in their jobs and in the operation of the entire transit system. I certainly appreciate the cooperation which has been shown me and the warm welcome which I have received at each work location.

Having heard so much about CTA while I was with the U.S. Department of Transportation, I am indeed privileged to be associated with the Authority. As Board Chairman I hope to lead CTA through an unprecedented period of growth and expansion, making it one of the most modern and progressive transit systems in the world.

Sincerely,

Michael Cafferty

# Mrs. Cafferty Greets Board Members' Wives

THE WIVES of present and former Transit Board members, as well as Mrs. Bernice T. Van der Vries--the only woman ever to serve on the Board--attended a luncheon at which an oil painting of the late Board Chairman George L. DeMent was presented to his widow. The presentation to Mrs. DeMent was made by Mrs. Michael Cafferty, the wife of the Transit Board Chairman.

Shown at the luncheon at the M&M Club in the Merchandise Mart are, from left, Mrs. Lawrence G. Sucsy, Mrs. Van der Vries, Mrs. Clair M. Roddewig, Mrs. Thomas B. O'Connor, Mrs. Cafferty, Mrs. Wallace D. Johnson, Mrs. DeMent, Mrs. James E. Rutherford, Mrs. James R. Quinn, Mrs. William W. McKenna, and Mrs. Philip Harrington.

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## OUR COVER | CTA Ads Now Running in Chicago Dailies

A SERIES of 100-line newspaper ads currently appearing in all four Chicago daily newspapers will be run five days a week for a 22-week period, according to F. C. Knautz, CTA superintendent of public and employe relations.

There are 24 different ads in all and each highlights a different CTA service. Using arresting headline language and bold body type, they make effective use of the small space.

"The ads are especially appropriate at this time since Chicago's two main expressways, Dan Ryan and Kennedy, are undergoing extensive repairs that will continue through October 22," said Mr. Knautz. "The ads stress running time and convenience of rapid transit riding in the expressway medians in addition to other CTA services."

CTA's other full advertising campaign also includes larger 1200-line newspaper ads and 60-second radio commercials aired in drive time. Through use of reciprocal advertising agreements with Chicago's media, CTA is able to get this campaign at very low cost.

The agency for CTA is Niefeld, Paley & Kuhn.

# Award Winners Receive $1,000.00 for Accepted Ideas

AWARDS TOTALLING $1,000 were won by 14 CTAers whose suggestions were adopted during the last three months, according to C. E. Keiser, chairman of the Executive Decision Committee of the Employe Suggestion Plan.

Winning more than three-fourths of the suggestion awards were Shops & Equipment Department employes at Skokie Shops, whose eight adopted ideas netted them $810. Four of the suggestions were adopted during June and cash awards were presented to the recipients by Mr. Keiser personally. Shown in the picture above (from left) are James Olsen, who received checks for $75 and $100; Robert Buegel, who received a check for $240, and David Guereca, who received a check for $100. Other recent award winners at Skokie Shops were Robert Barrett ($100), Joseph Kurek ($25), and Grant Greene ($25). John Kalinowski of Skokie earned $25 by having a second suggestion adopted within a year. A final cash award winner for Skokie Shops, whose check for $80 was presented because his adopted suggestion continued to produce savings to CTA a year after its adoption, was Charles Quaiardi, who is now retired.

Other winners of suggestion cash awards from throughout the system include John Gill, General Office-Stores Department ($30); Dino Fuggiti, Electrical Department-Chicago Avenue ($25), and Joseph Mazarka and Raymond Michalski, both of Engineering-West Shops ($25 each). For submitting their second adoptable suggestion within a year, three CTAers won awards of $25 each: Mary Berry, General Office-Claim, Regina Daren, General Office-Medical, and James Schumpp, Rapid Transit-North Section.

In addition to their cash awards, a choice of an incentive award--either a $7 Jewel gift certificate or a Zippo lighter/tape rule set--was made by all suggesters whose ideas were adopted in the last three months.

Seventeen other CTAers who submitted adoptable ideas were named by the committee as award winners and given a choice of either of the above incentive awards. By departments, the award winners were: Shops & Equipment—Michael Healy, John Kalinowski, Robert Swanson, and Lawrence Walker of Skokie Shops; Leonard Miller of North Park Garage, and Michael O'Connor of Racine Terminal Shop. General Office—Harold Burda, Property Accounting; Regina Daren, Medical; John Gritis, Reproduction Services; Terri Kramer, Law, and Mary Traxler, Claim. Transportation-Surface—Edwin Green and Robert Zelisko, Forest Glen, and Eugene Diggins Jr., North Park. Transportation-Rapid Transit—Charles Banser, Jefferson Park, and James Schumpp, North Section. Electrical—Arthur Maxwell, Blue Island.

## *Plan Commission Appointee–*
## J. A. Pate Named to City Post by Mayor Daley

APPOINTED TO the Chicago Plan Commission by Mayor Richard J. Daley was James A. Pate, a 20-year veteran in Chicago transit.

Mr. Pate, who is now serving as financial secretary-treasurer of Division 241 of the Amalgamated Transit Union, started with CTA on February 20, 1951. Serving first as a streetcar conductor and later as a bus operator, he had been assigned to 77th Street Station until being elected to his present position with the union in 1969. Married and the father of three children, Mr. Pate has been a delegate to the Chicago Federation of Labor and Industrial Union Council.

The appointment was sent by Mayor Daley to the City Council for approval on July 21.

## Three CTAers Qualify As Line Supervisors

HAVING UNDERGONE intensive training under actual working conditions during a four-month period, three rapid transit traffic supervisors qualified as line supervisors during June and are now assigned to the line supervisor's pool. Pictured above receiving their graduation certificates from Superintendent of Transportation D. M. Flynn are (from left) Dennis Closs, Harold Horn, and Carl Meyer.

## *Journeymen to Teach in Carpenter Apprentice Program*

TO INSTRUCT in a new carpenter apprentice training program at Skokie Shops, three journeymen carpenters recently completed the Shops and Equipment Department instructor training program and were presented graduation certificates. Shown above with Transportation Department Instructor Howard Hoeppner (right) are (from left) Gary Olsen, Calvin Valentino, and Robert Buerger.

## Israeli Official Views U.S. Transit Systems, Rides CTA

MEDIAN STRIP rapid transit was closely examined by the Honorable Shimon Peres, minister of transport and communications for the State of Israel, who visited Chicago as part of a nationwide tour of transit systems. The concept of integration of rapid transit into expressways is currently under study in Tel Aviv. While riding the Dan Ryan rapid transit, Minister Peres took a turn at operating a train under the watchful eye of a CTA motorman.

## 5,892 CTAers on Payroll Savings

CTA EMPLOYES know a good buy when they see one, and they proved it by signing up for Savings Bond payroll deductions totalling $94,895.29 per pay period.

The record amount of bond deductions resulted from the U.S. Savings Bond campaign which was conducted system-wide during the month of May. In response to the campaign, 722 more CTAers signed up for payroll deductions, bringing to 5,892 the total number of participating employes--45.84 per cent of all employes.

As a result of the campaign, 565 employes who had previously been enrolled increased their deductions for bonds by an average of $8.38 per pay period. The average payroll deduction for all participating employes is $16.11.

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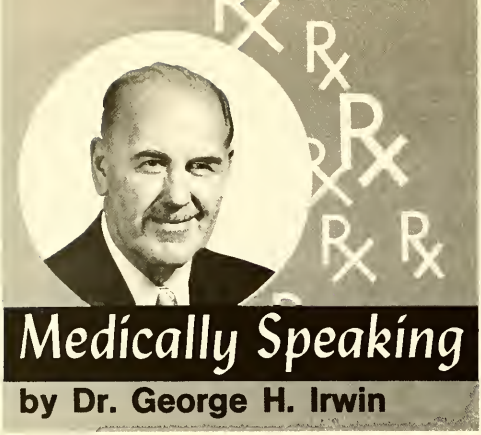


## KIDNEY TRANSPLANTS

PEOPLE ALL over the world are currently engaged in two startling explorations:

1. One is an exploration of outer space by astronauts and satellites. The cost of success in this venture is to be reckoned in billions of dollars.

2. The other is an exploration of the inner man carried on with the new biology and research laboratory. The cost of this venture will probably be in mere millions of dollars instead of billions.

The manned exploration of space might be of help to us as human beings somehow or sometime. At least, that is the advertised hope, even though the moon is a little chilly on the dark side.

The exploration of the inner man and the new biology will surely bring relief from suffering for many and a better life to all. One phase of research of the inner man is the transplantation of healthy organs into sick people who need them in order to live.

The doctor's problem is to determine how far and how fast to venture in organ transplantation.

There are three big problems relating to tissue transplants aside from the surgical technique. They are: ethics, legislation, and public information and education. It will take much time and energy to solve these problems. In the end it is hoped that proper understanding of the three big problems will be reached.

An organ transplant which has so far been more successful than the heart transplant and has, moreover, become an everyday reality, is the kidney transplant. A few brief general remarks about the kidneys may be helpful. The kidneys are two bean-shaped organs located in the upper and posterior part of the abdomen (but outside the abdominal cavity). Their chief function is similar to a filtration plant. They extract all of the impurities and waste products from the blood and pass them off through the urine.

With the understanding of kidney function, it seems reasonable to assume that any cause, whatsoever, interfering with normal kidney function might eventually lead to kidney failure. The main cause of chronic kidney failure is glomerular nephritis which is probably the most frequent indication for kidney transplants. Some other indications are chronic pyelonephritis, chronic cystic disease of the kidney, and rare types of kidney tumors. Several kidney transplants have been done in patients who were born with only one kidney and then lost that kidney through some mishap. To sum it up again, remember that chronic kidney failure is the only true indication for kidney transplants.

Complete detailed medical study over a period of time must be carried out to determine the proper patient for this operation. To insure success, the patient's disease must be limited primarily to the kidneys. Also the donor must be carefully studied to determine so far as possible that his kidney will not be rejected by the patient. The donor should be related. After all this has been done there are still important ethical, moral, and legal problems to be considered. It has been determined that a person's life expectancy is not decreased by donating one kidney. The point is then raised, why let a patient die when he or she can be cured by a kidney transplant? In the final decision, it is not the doctor's opinion alone, but also the family's, the lawyer's, and the minister's which are to be considered.

Much research on kidney disease has been done at the Northwest Kidney Center, formerly the Seattle Artificial Kidney Center. It was there that the artificial kidney machine was developed. Many lives have been saved by this apparatus. However, the cost and the technical difficulties when used over a long period of time have created problems.

The kidney transplant, under the proper conditions is much more satisfactory. The American Medical Association Committee on Transfusion and Transplantation reports that more than 4,000 kidney transplants have been accomplished. The report also states that one of the major health insurance companies will cover this procedure in their policy. Over a thousand kidney transplants were reported last year. The committee also adds that thousands more could have been done had donors been available. To aid the program of finding donors the committee is urging all doctors to join with the public for a proper examination to receive a donor's card. Under this arrangement, the kidneys of a person who dies suddenly from an accident or from a cause other than kidney disease, would be available for possible transplantation.

All patients with kidney disease are not necessarily suited to transplantation. Many must be maintained on the artificial kidney machine (dialysis). But for those who meet the requirements, transplantation is the best long-term treatment.

Much of the information in this article comes from the "Today's Health" published by the American Medical Association.

# Banquet Honors Lawndale Station, 1970 Softball Champions

DIVISION 241-308 — CTA recreational activities program honored the Lawndale Station 1970 softball champions with a banquet in the M&M Club on June 18. Representatives of the 17 other participating teams were also present.

Addressing the group as guest speaker was Johnny Morris, former backfield star of the Chicago Bears football team and now a sportscaster for NBC-TV. Mr. Morris commended the group for their athletic prowess and informed them of the many openings in the field of television announcing.

The vital role the men are playing in the program and the company was extolled by Superintendent of Public and Employe Relations F. C. Knautz. Mr. Knautz, under whose direction the program is produced, expressed his pleasure as to the wonderful relationship now enjoyed between labor and management. He lauded the players for their fine competitive spirit, even when it meant, at times, a referee was needed to break them in the clinches.

In the picture at left, Ralph Williams, Lawndale team captain, is shown accepting the first place trophy from Agis Bray, director of the CTA sports program, as Station Superintendent J. B. Morris looks on.

In the picture at right, Superintendent of Transportation D. M. Flynn accepts the North Division championship award for his former "alma mater", Limits Station, from Division 241 President W. E. Scholl, as Thomas Stiglic, superintendent of Instruction, and Leonard Beatty, president of Division 308, enjoy the presentation.

## RECENT CTA ADDITIONS TO THE ARMED FORCES

BENSON, C., Repairer, 69th Street
BRESLER, L., Serviceman, Forest Glen
DUOBLYS, H. J., Serviceman, 69th Street
FARLEY, J., Conductor, North Section
GOMOLKA, J. R., Serviceman, Forest Glen
MANTIA, M. A., Repairer, Archer
McCARTHY, R. A., Multilith Operator, Repro. Serv.
OLENICK, T. F., Money Handler, Central Counting
PRICE, L. J. Jr., Operator, 69th Street
ROBERTS, M. L., Operator, Limits
ROBINSON, C. Jr., Serviceman, Kedzie
VANDERHORST, L., Ticket Agent, West Section
VAN METER, J. A., Operator, Forest Glen
WATTS, R., Operator, Limits

## RECENTLY RETURNED

ALLEN, C. E., Operator, 52nd Street
BARR, F. L. Jr., Serviceman, 77th Street
BROWN, S. H. Jr., Repairer, 77th Street
COLEMAN, M., Repairer, 77th Street
COLUCCI, A. P., Elect. Worker Appr., Skokie Shops
DAQUILANTE, D., Operator, North Avenue
FILARSKI, R. A., Repairer, North Avenue
GRANAHAN, J. J., Multilith Operator, Repro. Serv.
HOFFERT, M. J., Vacation Relief Clerk, Surface
HUNT, W. J., Operator, North Avenue
KOCLANIS, W. J., Serviceman, Archer
LAHART, J. B., Trackman I, Track Division
NORFLEET, B., Operator, Limits
NEVELS, C. L., Car Repairman "B", Forest Park
PEDERSOLI, M. A., Repairer, 77th Street
RADCLIFF, B. S., Conductor, West Section
SKIPPER, J. C., Operator, Kedzie
STAPLES, C., Operator, 69th Street
THOMPSON, S. L., Serviceman, 77th Street
TOOKS, D. S., Repairer, 69th Street
VINE, J. L. Jr., Serviceman, Beverly
WIELAND, J. A., Repairer, Keeler

# A. F. Stahl Retires With 37 Years' Service

A VARIED career with CTA and the former Surface Lines was drawn to a close July 1 with the retirement of Arthur F. Stahl, superintendent of security, after more than 37 years.

Mr. Stahl, who is a graduate of Chicago Technical college, started with CSL as a conductor at Cottage Grove Station in January, 1934. He subsequently was transferred to the Staff Engineers Office in 1935, to the Transportation Department as an engineer in 1944, and to the Employment Department as assistant supervisor in October, 1950. He was named supervisor of employment in September, 1951, and superintendent of security in September, 1966, the position which he held until the time of his retirement.

Mr. Stahl and his wife, Audrey, were honored at a retirement party and are shown at left with Transit Board Member Wallace D. Johnson (left) and General Manager Thomas B. O'Connor.

# Track & Structures Division Wins Safety Award

FOR OUTSTANDING safety performance during the year 1970, the Track and Structures Division of the Engineering Department was recently presented a plaque by the Greater Chicago Safety Council. Accepting the award on behalf of the Division was the senior trackman, Lorenzo Sparacino, who has more than 45 years of service and has not been involved in an industrial accident for nearly 40 years. Shown in the picture are, from left, Superintendent of Track and Structures T. L. Wolgemuth, General Superintendent of Engineering E. E. Olmstead, Mr. Sparacino, Superintendent of Structures W. F. Gaedtke, and Superintendent of Track A. W. Malmquist.

## New Appointments Announced

DURING THE months of June and July bulletins were issued by the Engineering, General Accounting, and Transportation Departments announcing the appointment of eight CTAers to new supervisory posts.

Named as track design engineer in the Engineering Department effective June 13 was R. T. Smith. The appointment was made by Superintendent of Design C. G. Kalogeras and approved by General Superintendent of Engineering E. E. Olmstead.

Taking the post of senior accountant in the General Accounting Department effective June 16 was Michael Cikara. The appointment was made by General Accountant W. B. Folta and approved by Manager of Finance P. J. Meinardi.

Appointed to new positions at surface operating stations effective June 13 were 69th Street Station Superintendent J. Logay, 69th Street Assistant Station Superintendent J. S. Petrosius, 52nd Street and Beverly Relief Station Superintendent H. Reddrick, and Beverly Senior Station Instructor R. H. Trezise.

Effective July 1, F. W. Limmel was appointed relief district superintendent of Districts B and C.

Named as senior station instructor for the West Section of the rapid transit system effective July 4 was K. L. Brown.

The above appointments affecting personnel within the Transportation Department were announced in bulletins issued by Superintendent of Transportation D. M. Flynn and approved by Operating Manager C. E. Keiser.

# TRANSIT around the world

## *San Francisco Seeks Bids For New Streetcars*

PLANS FOR replacing San Francisco's fleet of streetcars (not cable cars) came a step closer to reality when the Public Utilities Commission recently approved specifications for the Municipal Railway's new subway-surface rail cars and asked the city purchaser to call for bids for 78 of them.

The 76-foot air-conditioned cars will be constructed at an estimated cost of $25,570,000 ($315,000 each). The cars will be of the articulated type, hinged in the center like most European trolleys, and will be radio-equipped and double-ended.

The streetcars being replaced are of the PCC type ranging in age from 19 to 25 years and are now operating on five routes throughout the city. The new cars will share the new Market Street subway with trains on the Bay Area Rapid Transit system, now under construction.

Owing to the articulated car body, the new streetcars will be well suited for negotiating dips, sharp curves, and grades that are peculiar to San Francisco. Yet, they will be faster—with a maximum speed of 65 mph—and quieter than the present cars. Each car will carry 180 passengers, 76 seated and 102 standing, as compared with 120 passengers (55 seated and 65 standing) in the PCC cars.

Financing of the new cars will be handled through the 51.5 million dollar fleet renewal project set up two years ago. Since that time, federal grants of more than 6 million dollars have paid for about half of the cost of 400 new buses and it is expected that similar assistance will be provided for the purchase of the streetcars.

## Double-deckers Make Comeback On London Streets

DOUBLE-DECKER BUSES, which began to disappear from the streets of London in the 1960's, are making a reappearance there—to the pleasure of tourists and transit planners alike. The new double-decker, called the "Londoner", went into service this year and by 1975 almost 2,000 are expected to be in operation.

Double-deckers were being phased out originally because of rising labor costs and the need for a two-man crew. The single-deck, one-man buses that replaced them, however, did not have the capacity to carry the same number of people—and adding more buses only increased traffic congestion.

The "Londoner" includes new features which enable it to be operated by one man. Two lines of passengers can enter the double front doors of the bus simultaneously. Those in one line pass by the driver who provides change and handles special fare tickets. Passengers in the other line insert the correct fare into a self-service machine and a turnstile gate is automatically released.

Other features of the "Londoner" are a central stairway and double exit doorway, public address system, and a periscope which enables the driver to see how many seats are available on the upper level.

The new "Londoner" has seats for 44 passengers on the upper level and 24 on the lower level, with space for 21 standees. The bus measures about 31 feet long, 8 feet wide, and 14½ feet high.

# THE INSIDE NEWS

## AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**ACCOUNTING (General) -**

MIKE VERDONCK and his wife went on a fishing trip to Minnesota on their vacation. They arrived on May 9 and caught more game fish than they had ever caught before. They both had tears in their eyes because they had to throw them back as the season didn't open until May 15. The next week they had their share of fish. They went shopping for some grapefruit and found a beautiful all-year around home close to Fergus Falls with lake frontage. Mike is hoping for an early retirement in order to make it his home--that is after he learns to speak Swedish or Norwegian... The CTA Mart golf tournament, of which HAROLD F. BROWN, assistant general accountant, is the chairman, took place on May 1 at the Villa Olivia Golf Club. There were prizes for all and everyone had a very good time...Wedding bells rang for PATRICIA WALLACE on May 8 when she became the bride of ALBERT CAMP. Congratulations and good luck to both of you, Mr. and Mrs. Camp...RITA DEAKIN spent her vacation around home catching up on many things...On her vacation, JUNE NOREN went to visit her 91 year old aunt in Belvidere, Illinois. It was a cheerful visit for her...RUTH HUGHES, formerly of Revenue Accounting, is now in Oak Forest hospital. She is very much improved and sends a warm hello to all her friends that remember her...ALICE ARKIN's husband, BURT, spent a week in the Illinois Masonic hospital where he underwent tests. He is now at home recuperating and we hope he is much better... MARIE FOLZ's daughter, BARBARA, was graduated from Mundelein college in June. She majored in general education and will stay in Mundelein where she purchased a beautiful home. Incidentally, Barbara is planning to be married in August to JAMES MULKA...We were sorry to hear that Mrs. HARRIET FRANCOEUR, the wife of LAWRENCE J. FRANCOEUR, retired general accountant, passed away on May 28. Interment was at St. Joseph cemetery...THOMAS O'ROURKE, the brother of ED O'ROURKE, formerly of the Accounting Department, passed away on May 4 in Lexington, Kentucky. Interment was in Queen of Heaven cemetery...Congratulations are in order for REBECCA WILSON for successfully qualifying for the position in the Voucher Section... On her vacation, JEAN WRIGHT visited her mother in New Lisbon, Wisconsin, and spent some time in Wheaton, Illinois, visiting a sister... LOIS JAHNKE spent her vacation around home catching up with social and home duties...MARTHA NEFFAS spent her vacation around home resting...After 30 years of service with the CTA and its predecessor companies and 21 years as a dedicated officer of CTA General Office Credit Union, MICHAEL VERDONCK will put his ledger books on the shelf for the last time on July 30, completely balanced for the world to audit.

*- Jeanne Fitzgerald*

**(Payroll) -**

STANLEY MAILUCK, payroll accountant, and his wife took time out to revisit some of their favorite places in the U.S.A. On their drive down to Florida, they stopped at Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, Georgia, about 75 miles southwest of Atlanta. The azaleas were blooming in profusion and Mr. Mailuck has some gorgeous pictures to prove it. The "Grand Old Opry" in Nashville, Tennessee--Music City, U.S.A.--was a swinging event but almost too loud for comfort. The weather was ideal, with 75 to 85 degree temperatures. They also visited Lake City, St. Augustine, Interlocken, Ocala, and De Soto park near St. Petersburg. They looked at homes both permanent and mobile in Brooksville, Beacon Square, and Spring Hill and found them lovely and adequate, especially for folks interested in a site for retirement. In Myakka State Park in Sarasota they enjoyed a boat ride and saw the guide feed marshmallows to the alligators, which must have been an unusual sight...DORIS YOST finished up this year's vacation with a trip to—you know where—Newport, Rhode Island, of course, to visit again with her daughter and two darling grandsons. She also has pictures to prove how adorable they are...ESTHER ANDERSON sent greetings from Seattle, Washington, where she had a most enjoyable time...VALERIA BOWMAN, MARY CARNEY, and MARGE ORGAN all enjoyed their spring vacations...We were glad to welcome MARY BLACKMORE back to the fold after her surgery. She is doing fine and looks real great...We had the honor of providing one of the ten lovely finalists in the "Miss Merchandise Mart" contest from our department, CLOTILDE FRANKIEWICZ, who had the largest number of ballots and although she wasn't the final winner, she received some valuable gifts and said it was an interesting experience and that she had a great time.

*- Clara Lawrence*

**(Tabulating) -**

MARY RETTIG is our candidate for a "Medal of Honor." She displayed unusual courage when she agreed to help chaperone her son, CARLTON, and 31 other third and fifth graders on a trip to Washington, D.C. A wonderful time was had by all and Mary, brave girl that she is, said she'd love to go again...MARION SUTHERLAND spent a delightful week in California visiting her family and friends. She visited Catalina Island via seaplane, which was exciting... FLORENCE PARROTT spent her vacation in and around the Chicago vacationland. She visited Haeger Pottery making some necessary (?) purchases. She was also very

DIANE GRILLAERT, the daughter of Repairman GUS GRILLAERT, Congress, was graduated from St. Anne's Hospital School of Nursing on June 10 and is now a nurse at Children's Memorial hospital.

impressed with a visit to the Lambs Farm, where the small animals are attended by retarded children. The family of Florence was made very happy on Tuesday, June 9, when JENNIFER JUDITH SULLIVAN selected Florence's daughter and son-in-law, JAN and JOHN SULLIVAN, as her parents. Congratulations to you all.

*- Evelyn Leu*

**BEVERLY -**

Loader JOYCE at the 95th street terminal has a new grey suit and the word is out that he took it from Mr. CLAYTON when he retired...The son of Operator and Mrs. MALDWIN J. REED was married to the lovely daughter of Mr. and Mrs. KIMBROUGH of Markham, Illinois, on June 12. EARNEST is a naval paratrooper. The couple plans to start their new life in Elcentro, California. Fate played a trick on Mrs. REED, as she became ill on Friday and had to be hospitalized. She missed the ceremony, but with the cooperation of the staff of Provident hospital the bridal party was able to visit her after the wedding...Operator and Mrs. FRANK HANZUK have something to celebrate on July 3, as they will be married for 38 years. Their oldest son is 32 and they have three other children and seven grandchildren...The month of June is a happy time for most people, but for Operators ALLEN JACKSON, AMOS FOSTER, and JAMES HARRIS it was something special as LARRY, JOAN, and DONNA SHEA were graduated from C.V.S. on June 15. Now all we need is $20,000 and they can spend two years in college...Speaking of $20,000, the Beverly Federal Credit Union has now qualified for federal insurance of members' share accounts up to that amount... So, to everyone who is on vacation, we here at Beverly say have fun, for it won't be long before we are joining you. See you soon.

*- Tom Daniels & Amos Foster*

**CLAIM & LAW -**

On May 22 BILL BOSACKI, age 12, the son of JOHN W. BOSACKI, claim adjustor, took second place in the pitch, hit and throw competition sponsored by Phillips 66 at Portage Park. He was awarded a beautiful oak plaque with a silver emblem of a baseball player. He competed against more than 50 boys in his age group. On the following Friday evening, Bill pitched a no-hitter in a local little league game. The score was 14 to 0. He struck out 13 batters, and batted in six runs with two home runs and a single. His father substituted as the team's manager the night of the no-hitter...TIM O'ROURKE, court assistant, and his wife, KAY, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on May 25. Their children presented them with a three-day all expense (no grumbling money) trip to the Sands hotel in Las Vegas. A party of 60 attended the celebration in their home and weathered a severe calamity when the O'Rourke's sewer became blocked. Their neighbors came to the rescue by keeping their homes available until the wee hours...CECIL MIMMS, statementman, and his wife, MILDRED MARIE, attended their son's graduation on June 4. DANA MICHAEL MIMMS was graduated from St. Martin grade school on the South Side and will be attending Chicago Vocational High school in the fall...CLAUDE WORLAND and his wife, ELLA MARIE, also had a graduation in their home. Their son, DANIEL, was graduated from St. Alexander's in Villa Park and, to quote Mr. Worland, "God willing, he will go to school in the fall."

THE REVEREND DANIEL BUCK was ordained to the priesthood on May 12 by His Eminence JOHN CARDINAL CODY at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein, Illinois. Daniel, who is now assigned to St. Luke's parish in River Forest, worked as a part-time ticket agent with CTA for two summers. His dad is retired Electrical Engineer C. J. BUCK.

With all the clamor and excitement around here you can tell that the baseball season has started in the Law Department. This is the fifth year that we have participated in the Chicago Bar Association Softball League. The team is made up of some of the largest law firms in Chicago. We have regularly been in the playoffs, and in 1968 we were the City champions. The team is composed of 15 staff and per diem attorneys. The manager-captain is MARV LUCKMAN, and the co-captain is RON BARTKOWICZ. An invitation is extended to all who wish to watch some of our games which are played each Wednesday at 6:45 p.m. in Grant Park...Congratulations to LEON WOOL and his wife, BUNNY, on the birth of a baby girl, IMILY BELINDA, born on May 30. Leon and Bunny also have two sons, LOUIS, age 5, and STEVEN, age 3½...PHYLLIS BRZECZEK spent a vacation that many of us think about all year long--14 days in Hawaii where she did nothing but lie in the sun on the beach at Waikiki...A warm welcome is extended to TOM McGOVERN who recently joined the department. Tom was formerly at North Avenue Station...Greetings to JIM MULLEN who is with us once again for the summer...PAT NEWELL had a pollution-free vacation in western Nebraska and Kansas...It is with an extremely sad note that we end our column by extending our sincere condolences to CEILE BAGGS and her family on the tragic death of her husband, EDWARD, and two of their grandchildren, JAMES and ELLEN BOSWORTH.

*- Ruth Kaminski & Terri Kramer*

**CONGRESS (Agents) -**

Agent MARTHA BLEER celebrated her birthday on June 4. She was hoping that her new grandchild would have arrived to make her happiness complete...Agent GLORIA TAYLOR became the proud grandmother of a little girl, ADWAEO LATEESAH KENILAH, who tipped the scale at 8 pounds 3/4 ounces...We were sorry to hear of the unfortunate accident of JAMES CLARK which occurred on his way home from a weekend of fishing on the Mississippi river. James will be off for some time, and cards and calls would help shorten the long hours knowing his friends do care... Mr. and Mrs. KLAIR MOHAMMAD, the parents of Student Agent BADER MOHAMMAD, flew in from Jerusalem to attend the marriage of their daughter, ADEALAH, to RIBHI KLAIRALLAH. It was a beautiful wedding. During their stay, there were many shopping trips and jaunts to the country. Also, the parents of HIA BEYA announced the

engagement of their daughter to Bader on June 12 at a family gathering. The happy couple is planning a fall wedding. Bader's parents have returned to Jerusalem, but will be back in the fall for the wedding...Agent HELEN SHANNON is planning an early retirement on July 1, and will do some traveling. Good luck, good health, and many happy days... Pensioner JOHN KAWAJA and his wife left on a trip to Japan. Last year they visited Europe and Hawaii...A big welcome to all the new employes and those who have returned for the summer.

*- Julia Brousek*

**CTA POLICE -**

Please remember in your prayers or in your own way the mother of JACK LEAHY, MARGARET LEAHY, who passed away...JOE CONNORS was the sparring partner of former heavyweight champ Joe Louis for four years. Our Joe says Cassius Clay's three-year "vacation" was what really hurt Clay when he fought Joe Frazier. A boxer can't stay away that long and still be good...RAY and ELLA WIZNIEWSKI now have a son, MICHAEL, their tenth little one. What's it like to have a large family nowadays? Ella is happy about it. The oldest children are now helping with the chores, giving Ella more time to herself than when she only had a few toddlers. Ray says there hasn't been any extra strain on the budget since the sixth youngster. Ray doesn't exactly take it all in stride. PAUL WALLACE remembers that after the twins arrived, Ray wasn't his usual self for two weeks. Paul is majoring in law enforcement at Loop college where he received second place in the student achievement awards presented to the top 15 students by the Continental Illinois National bank...Sergeant ANTHONY MOKSTAD and his charming bride, FRANCESCA (Che-Che), celebrated both their birthdays during anniversary night at Moose Lodge No. 3. Moxie is the American Federation of Police representative. See him for details...HARVEY BELL and DALE POTTER now have Volkswagens and are well pleased with them...AL COOPER bought a new Toyota after finishing police school...Sergeant FRANK and MARION KRETZ will be vacationing in Pennsylvania and New England...Sergeant BOB and MINNIE CULBERTSON had good luck fishing for walleyes, northerns, and panfish at Chetek, Wisconsin. They stayed at Oak Grove Lodge... PHILLIP THOMAS has plans for a fishing trip to Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and BILL and YVONNE JAQUEST went to Spooner, Wisconsin, for a week of relaxation...CHESTER and JOSEPHINE MAZURKIEWICZ expect a good time at Northern Lodge on Pelican Lake near International Falls, Minnesota...The Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) picnic at Santa's Village, Dundee, Illinois, was attended and enjoyed by Chief BOB MILLER, SAM RINI, RAY WIZNIEWSKI, and DAN MARTINIAK, your FOP representative. July 26 is the day to set aside for the FOP golf day at St. Andrew's Country Club. There will be free eats and no playing fee for FOP members...There must have been a mistake of some kind made in the Miss Merchandise Mart contest. Steno JOAN JESTICE should have won. She was in the group of finalists and received a radio and dinner for two at Henrici's. Joan and JOSEPH A. CUCI, Methods and Procedures, plan to be married in February. Their plans included the purchase of a new home in Tinley Park...JIM WYNN has had a new townhouse near Elgin in his plans for some time now. The place should have been ready last August, but wasn't. The builder says maybe this June he'll be done...Lieutenant RAY LOHSE was in the hospital for an operation. A good man can't be kept down, and Ray was feeling better than before and back on the job in a short time...On Veterans Poppy day, Sergeant PETE GENUTIS was seen selling poppies at Dearborn and Van Buren. Pete's not one to pass up pinching a pickpocket. On his way home from peddling poppies, Pete ran into some pickpockets working the Blue Island-26th buses at Monroe and State and was able to house one of them. Pete is your AMVETS Police Post 18 representative. Sergeants PAUL FIDANZE and Pete have spent a lot of time with the trainees. JIM LA FOLLETTE has already been sworn in and GEORGE BONESS will finish his 160 hours shortly. Jim was on the Louisville, Kentucky, police department for four years... FRED BARRETT made an on view arrest of a youth who threw a brick through the rear window of a new look bus at Halsted and 47th street. Lieutenant JOE OSTERBERGER is working on the follow-up, and restitution is being made...A woman complained of being molested on a train, and JOHN FIRLINGER and FRANK INGRASSIA were assigned to the complaint and arrested the offender at Montrose Station on the Kennedy the first day...Two robbers chased a man into Bay 1 at Limits. Just around the corner, BILL JAQUEST and GERRY SCHMIDT were making a relief and heard the victim's shouts. They investigated, and after a foot chase the robber with the knife was arrested. The second robber was arrested later...PAUL WALLACE and RAY WIZNIEWSKI found a man being beaten and robbed on a Dan Ryan train. Paul and Ray arrested one offender on the scene and arrested the other offender at his home the next day...A man on a South Side train made a mess of his bag of barbecue food. The bag burst, and among the goodies that popped out was a gun. Lieutenant BILLY BUTLER was right there for the on-view pinch...LEAHY, KUSCH, MARTINIAK, and MAZURKIEWICZ were assigned to the Waller High school breaks for rowdy students. When 66 of the kiddies stormed a Lincoln bus without paying, these officers secured the doors and gave the bus operator a special routing to the 18th district. There the more serious offenders were processed and the others released after a stern lecture from a Chicago Police youth officer. Here's proof that CTA teamwork isn't just an idle thought. ..JOE CONNORS and PHILLIP THOMAS responded to a call for a man tampering with a private auto in the lot at

**THIS SMILING** bride and groom are Mr. and Mrs. **DAVID DREY** who were united in holy matrimony on May 1 in St. John the Baptist church in Belton, England. David, who is with the U S. Army, and his wife, the former E. **ROASMUND HOWELLS**, who is with the WRAC, are both stationed in Rheindahlen, Germany. David is the son of Carpenter **GEORGE** and **ELEANOR DREY**, Area 318, South Shops.

77th Street Station. The offender had fled on their arrival, but with the aid of a bus driver the officers checked the surrounding streets and alleys, spotted the would-be auto thief, and made the arrest...Thanks to Supervisor CHARLIE SOUTHARD for an assist in subduing a woman gone berserk on drugs at the Howard "L". North Side officers know Charlie to be a hard working transit man. . . Judge W. WHITING, a lady jurist in family court, recently remarked to everyone in her courtroom that CTA police have fine looking uniforms. Thank you, your honor...Arrests for certain crimes are especially important in making the CTA a better place to work and the service more attractive. For the fifth period, April 18 through May 15, arrests were made by these officers of the number of offenders shown. Assaults on passengers/employes (assault, battery, or aggravated battery charges): STEFFICK (1), INGRASSIA, FIRLINGER (1); pickpockets, jackrollers, or jostling (theft from person or disorderly conduct charges): MARTINIAK, BUTLER, LEAHY (8), LEAHY, MARTINIAK (11), BUTLER, McELROY, THOMAS (3), BUTLER, MARTINIAK (2), McELROY, THOMAS (3), GENUTIS (2), McELROY, FIRLINGER, LONERGAN (1), GENUTIS, HENDERSHOT (2); robbery of passengers/employes (strong-arm robbery or armed robbery charges): VERNON, ROBINSON, COLLINS, HIGENS (2), McELROY, THOMAS, BUGAL (1), JAQUEST, SCHMIDT (2), LAATSCH, SCHNEIDER (2), WALLACE, WIZNIEWSKI (2); sex offense arrests: FIRLINGER, STEFFICK (1), McELROY (1); narcotics arrests: BUTLER, MARTINIAK, LEAHY (1), LEAHY, MARTINIAK (1); weapons arrests (UUW, CCW, or registration charges): GOLDWATER, TOKARCZYK (1), JAQUEST (1), LAATSCH, SCHNEIDER (1). Congratulations to these officers on their fine work, and "keep your head on a swivel."..Belated birthday greetings for May to INGRASSIA (2nd), WALLACE (10th), KUSCH (20th), CONNORS (22nd), DEMAN (23rd), and JONAS (26th). June greetings to GOLDWATER (1st), MARTINIAK (2nd), DAVIS (7th), EVANS (15th), LONERGAN (27th), and GARNER (30th)...Do the news services ignore your efforts against the underworld? Do the vile words of the revolutionary rags tempt you to over-react? Does your family and social life fail to get the notoriety it deserves? Well, fellow officers, you have a friend. The TRANSIT NEWS is standing by ready to tell it like it is with sympathy and understanding. So, send your news to your scribe at the office.

*- Timothy O'Mahony*

**ELECTRICAL (Blue Island) -**

The 25th annual corned beef and cabbage dinner held on April 30 proved to be another huge success, due to the dinner committee consisting of H. COYNE, R. DORGAN, H. ANDERSON, W. REHDER, V. KRUZE, L. ANASENES, S. CHARLETON, W. BECKMAN, R. TAUSCH, and B. JAUMAN. The honored guests in attendance were: CLARENCE MALOTTKE, JOHN DARCY, CHARLES PARK, JOSEPH HERMAN, AMOS SMITH, and JAMES HAYDON. Unable to be present were JAMES McDERMOTT and STANLEY EDQUIST. Past honored guests were: ARTHUR DOYLE, DANIEL GRIFFIN, JOHN MICHNICK, EDWARD PARDEL, CLYDE PETERSON, CECIL BUCK, GERALD GRIFFIN, SYLVESTER DANECKE, ARTHUR RADDATZ, CARL WOLF, JACOB BERNSTEIN, ADAM GABLIN, ALBERT MORF, MIKE BATTISTO, JOSEPH CONNELY, ARTHUR McDERMOTT, WALTER YOCIUS, and FRANK CORRIGAN. See, Mrs. CORRIGAN, I didn't forget. RALPH WHITE came in from Wisconsin, and last but not least, ARVIN WILMONT was in from Daytona Beach, Florida. Also in attendance were: ALPHONSE SUDAN, business manager of I.B.E.W. Local 134, DANIEL O'BRIEN, secretary, and 33 members of the group. From Local 9 was President FRED HINTZ, and from the General Office Superintendent of Transportation D. M. FLYNN and Electrical Engineer A. SANDBERG. To a very special honored guest, JOHN McCONVILLE, who used to handle the ticket sales at West Shops, thank you. A gift of a leather key holder was given to those in attendance. We received letters and cards from the following who were unable to attend because of distance: WALTER COLLINS, SYL ROLNICKI, JOE NAGRODSKI, and LEN FRANCISCO...BILL LOOS vacationed at Fox Lake, Illinois; TED WYNCOTT at Bull Shoals, Arkansas, and BOB BOOTH spent his vacation painting the interior of his home. ..We are hoping to hear from FRED LUNDIE who is acting as interpreter for a group that is visiting Russia. Before Fred left he asked to borrow a blow torch, said something about going behind the Iron Curtain...CHESTER and ELEANOR MATUSZEWSKI vacationed in the Ozarks...Our deepest sympathy to the following families: PAUL SHURCHAY in the loss of his father, YUV FUNG-CAP in the loss of his father, CHESTER MATUSZEWSKI in the loss of his father, NORBERT ROLNICKI who lost his mother, and BRUNO CZANSTKOWSKI in the loss of his wife...Attention Transit Craft Club. The next meeting will be held on the South Side at the home of WILLIAM REHDER, 5663 S. Artesian, on July 30 at 8 p.m...Congratulations to Reverend DANIEL BUCK who celebrated his first mass on May 23 at Our Lady of Lourdes church. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. BUCK, former electrical engineer...VI and GEORGE UNWIN visited their son, ROBERT, and his wife in Bueno Vista, Georgia, and looked at some retirement property in St. Petersburg, Florida...Our congratulations to the following men upon their graduation from the Kennedy Electronics school: ANDREW J. BOURNE, HARVEY R. HEIDE, and RICHARD L. ROCK. All three praised the fine graduation ceremonies, and dined and danced the night away at the Conrad Hilton hotel. All agree the four years were well spent and very productive. They suggest that others who are qualified attend.

*- William Rehder*

THE HAPPY bride and groom are Mr. and Mrs. JOHN HENRY MEYERS who were united in marriage on May 8. The bride is the former GAIL VELTRI, the daughter of Superintendent M. J. VELTRI, Jefferson Park. Gail and John will make their home in Norfolk, Virginia, where he is stationed with the U.S. Navy.

**(Rapid Transit Signal Division) -**

LOOK RIGHT THIS WAY, HERE WE ARE! I knew you'd find us. A bright new column beginning with this issue will

be appearing here each month. We're generally concerned with quips and news bits to and about the men in the field (interlockers and those that try to be). Signal men and those closely related, if you've got something that should be told you can tell it here or if you want to know what's going on in the department read it here...A baby boy was born to THEODORE and RUTH WASHINGTON, and ROBERT and ANGELA ALBRECHT announced the arrival of a baby girl. I'll tell you this, we're going to get some more help in this department one way or another...Signal Helper JOHN WOULFE was recently promoted to journeyman and is now working the 10 o'clock trick at Howard Street. Congratulations, John, Howard Street will never be the same... BILL (the Gypsy) BAKER, South Section signal foreman, had a bout with a serious illness and is now very much on the winning side. He will be recuperating at home for another six weeks. To Bill from all the fellows, especially those on the south forty and in the gang, we knew you could do it. Keep working at it, we want to see you back soon. Fellows, Bill enjoys those cards and phone calls, keep it up. He'd also like to have you come by sometime...A wonderful party was held in May honoring PETE WEST upon his retirement. A bright new face showed up at the head table as m.c., that of FRANK HALPER. Say, fellows, what do you say we watch this guy and see what he's up to. We'd like to think we gave Pete a one-way ticket to his mink farm. Pete, we wish you a long and pleasant retirement. Come around to see us often.

*- Tommie Lowery*

**(General Office) -**

The Reverend DANIEL BUCK was ordained to the holy priesthood by Archbishop John Cardinal Cody. The ordination ceremony took place in the chapel of the Immaculate Conception at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein, Illinois. A mass of thanksgiving was concelebrated on Sunday, May 23, in the church of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Reverend Buck is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. BUCK, retired electrical engineer...May 11 was a beautiful day for KENDRICK BISSET, electrical engineer I. That is the day he became engaged to DONNA CABON of Edwardsville, Illinois. Miss Cabon is a student nurse at Michael Reese hospital. Best wishes for their future from all of us... ADOLPH KUTZ, estimator, made his annual trek to Hot Springs, Arkansas, to brush up on his golf. Now he is all set for those weekend foursomes...Superintendent of Power Operation EUGENE VANELLA and his family vacationed in Hawaii. They had a really great time and are looking forward to returning to this paradise island again.

*- Kay McAlister*

**ENGINEERING -**

First off, we are all glad to see FRED PETRINO and JIM JOHNSON in good health and back to work again...Next in line, the Engineering Department would like to place the welcome mat out for CRAIG PODALAK who is the new temporary draftsman in the Structural Section. In case you're wondering who the blond is that he is seen with, it is his wife, MARY, who works in Reproduction Services...We are also happy to see FRANK GIRDWAIN and DAVE HIETT back. They are two engineering students that were here last summer and will be working with the survey crews during their short stay again this summer...We were all surprised and happy to see YOLENNE CLAUDE back

THIS LOVELY young lady is MARY ELLEN FLYNN, the daughter of Superintendent JOHN P. FLYNN, Forest Park, who was graduated from Mundelein college on June 6 with a degree in home economics. Her sister, PAT, is employed by CTA in the Employment Department.

working in the department as a clerk-typist. Yolenne was with us about two years ago before bidding out to South Shops...We'd like to congratulate a new papa, MARK TUSHINSKI of the Civil Engineering Section, whose wife, KATHLEEN, gave birth on Monday, May 24, to a baby girl. AMY SUSANNE was born at 1:30 a.m. at St. Anne's hospital weighing in at 7 pounds 10 ounces. Our best wishes to all of you...Congratulations are also in line for RON HAWKINS, Mechanical Section, who completed a two-year course in Plumbing Design at the University of Illinois Circle Campus. The graduation was held at the Millionaire's Club on Broadway avenue. Mr. and Mrs. CHRIS KALOGERAS attended as guests and enjoyed the dinner and ceremony. . . CHESTER (Rusty) RUSAKIEWICZ took a long weekend fishing trip to Conover, Wisconsin. With him was his son, RODNEY, a former CTA employe. The weather was pleasant, but the fishing was only rated as being fair. Rusty is looking forward to going back again--only next time to catch more fish. He also mentioned that while he was in Wisconsin he visited with his uncle, CHESTER LESKOWSKI, a retired North Side track foreman. . . Your reporter, LINDA LeMONNIER, and her husband also had a pleasant long weekend, half of which was spent at the Indy 500. JOE O'CONNOR, Real Estate, and his son were also at the Indy--but amidst the large crowd we just weren't able to spot them...CHRIS KALOGERAS' usual May vacation was spent in Islamarada, off the Florida Keys. The week was spent deep-sea fishing and catching sailfish, dolphin, and snapper. He did, however, catch something that he did not want--a 100 pound shark! Many an evening was spent eating cooked fish, drinking beer, and just relaxing. The weather report was magnificent, although it rained the day they were leaving. This was the first rain in the Keys since September, so you might say that CHRIS and his crew just plain lucked out...PHIL ADELIZZI, Real Estate Division, along with his wife, DORA, and another couple spent their vacation driving around the east and west coasts of Florida. They spent time at St. Petersburg Beach, Pompano Beach and also Miami Beach. They sunned and swam during the day, and hitting all the highlights and parties at night. Phil said they had a wonderful time and only ran into a little bit of bad weather. This was the first vacation the Adelizzis spent without their growing children...A last note of congratulations, effective June 13, goes to ROY T. SMITH, Civil Engineering Section, who was appointed the new Track Design Engineer. We wish you all the best, Roy.

*- Linda LeMonnier*

**FOREST GLEN -**

JODI ANN HACK, the daughter of MIKE and JO HACK, was graduated from Wesley Memorial Hospital School of Nursing on June 25...Our deepest sympathy is extended to Clerks LES and VERNON RAGE on the death of their mother May 8...The following is a report given to us by Supervisor MICKEY (Sweet Lips) LOFTUS: May 13 was PAUL WINKOWSKI day at Forest Glen Station. On the dais to make the presentation was THOMAS STIGLIC, superintendent of Instruction, who presented Paul with a safety award trophy. There were many friends present from the South Side, the near South, and Limits training school. Superintendent EARL PETERSON; JACK BAILEY, retired superintendent of Forest Glen; Chief Clerk FRED MYERS; T. A. HILDEBRANDT, superintendent of District D, and Superintendent RALPH KUGELARD who took turns lauding Paul. Many thanks to the efforts of Instructor HENRY ZULKOWSKI, TOM ROAN, and the musical maestro ED CHAPLESKI who prepared a special musical program for the occasion. Let's thank the custodial services of JAKE AMBROGIA, ALFRED ROHN, and "Ma Perkins" ANDREWS who prepared the festive table and refreshments after the ceremonies. . . Welcome visitors during the month were Pensioners ED WOLSKI, CARL SORENSON, PHIL HUBETCH, and off the sick list, the great guy, JAY LOMBARDO...The annual fish safari comprised of GEORGE WICKMAN, GEORGE DILLAS, GEORGE SPORLEDER, and WERNER STOKELL are off to Leech Lake, Minnesota... Operator CLIFFORD LAST and his wife celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary on May 30. Congratulations Mrs. Last for putting up with Clifford this long. By the way, Mrs. Last has given him permission to go to Canada on his vacation by himself. Maybe this is the time she will get some rest. Clifford's little buddy, WILBUR HENRY Jr., will go with him and try to outdo him with his catch. I will clean out my freezer compartment and pray that they all have good luck. I hope your prayers work, MICKEY...Operator TED STANEK just returned from Canada where he said he caught his limit in three days. What did you do the rest of the week, Ted?..Operator DOMINIC CIPRIANI is quite proud of his son, LARRY, and his prowess at bat in the little league. Last year he made the all-star team and no one went on vacation. Don't get too good this year, Larry, dad wants to go camping. . . Operator ROBERT (Laurell) BURFEE is planning to pick an early swing so he can be around when the day car men go on lunch...Operator ED HOFF is very proud of his wife and two daughters who took part in the walk for hunger on Mother's day, May 9. The girls walked 30 miles, while Mrs. Hoff helped at one of the aid stations along the route bandaging sore feet and giving cool water and Kool-Aid to the marchers. Among the other teenagers participating in the march were DAWN SCHAFFER, the daughter of Operator DONALD SCHAFFER, and KATHY PANTOS, the daughter of Operator CHRIS PANTOS. Also, Mr. and Mrs. Pantos celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary on June 23, and from the look in their eyes I know they will celebrate 27 more...Operator and Mrs. CHESTER BACHARA celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary on May 20. Here's hoping you have many, many more...Operator RICHARD SANCHEZ said "I do" to lovely ANNA CORREA on May 15 at St. Pius IV church. Keep us informed of the many happy events... Among our recent pensioners are: JOE BELLAMY with 37 years of service; PETE GRANT who will be missed on Lawrence avenue, and WALTER KACZYNSKI who says he will miss the boys...Chief Clerk FRED MYERS is planning to take his pension on August 1. He will be missed by all at Forest Glen...From our repair department we received the news that WILLIAM ALEXANDER STENZEL made his debut on April 7 at Northwest hospital weighing in at 8 pounds. Congratulations to the proud parents, RICH and KATHY STENZEL...BILLY HENRY, the son of your reporter, had a confirmation party on May 15. His sponsor, Operator THOMAS MEAGHER, and his wife were there, as were Mr. and Mrs. C. LAST, Mr. and Mrs. C. PANTOS, Mr. and Mrs. W. MARKS, and Mr. and Mrs. JOE GARCIA. A good time was had by all...Congratulations to Operator JAMES HURN and his wife, CASSANDRA, on the birth of a baby girl, JULIE BETH, weighing in at 8 pounds 6 ounces on Sunday, June 27, at 8:27 p.m...That's all for now, drive safely on your vacations and watch out for the sunburns.

*- W. A. Henry* (Don't call me Wilbur)

THIS PRETTY young lady is DAWN MARIE MICKELS, the daughter of Supervisor RON MICKELS, District D, who was graduated from grammar school on June 23 at the age of 12.

**GENERAL OFFICE (Employment) -**

The welcome mat is extended to PATRICIA FLYNN, clerk-stenographer, who transferred from the Engineering Department.

**(Treasury) -**

As of this writing, DON POWELL, token clerk, is confined in the hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

**(Employe Relations) -**

The welcome mat was extended to WILLIAM WIEHER, job analyst, who joined the ranks of CTA...We extend our deepest sympathy to BILL PLATT, superintendent of Employe Relations, on the recent loss of his wife, ANNE.

**(Insurance) -**

RITA OPFERGELT, clerk-typist, flew down to Miami Beach, Florida, where she spent a week's vacation with her girlfriend. She returned sporting a beautiful tan...CATHY (Tomko) MILTON, former CTA employe, paid us a visit to show us her seven month old daughter, MELISSA. It sure was good to see her again...Welcomed to the department was VIRGINIA LANE, temporary typist...Our condolences to PATRICIA AUGDAHL upon the loss of her father, OSCAR AUGDAHL, a former CTA employe at North Park Station.

**(Training & Accident Prevention) -**

The department welcomes WILLIAM CLINE. His wife, MARIE, also a member of the department, welcomes him because she can now keep her eye on him as she sits at a desk facing his...KATHLEEN FABRY's husband, RICHARD, is a new CTA employe. He is now working in the Claim

A. R. LIPPHARDT
47 Years

W. J. SIMMS
43 Years

N. B. LODERHOSE
45 Years

R. J. MURRAY
44 Years

L. D. SIMPSON
44 Years

C. N. KNUTSON
41 Years

M. J. SMITH
40 Years

# NEW PENSIONERS

JOINING THE ranks of the retired on June 1 and July 1 are the 12 employes pictured here who had 40 or more years of transit service each with CTA and its predecessors.

ALBERT ANDREWS, Bus Serviceman, Keeler, Emp. 9-25-50
JOHN BALLISARIO, Trackman I, Engineering, Emp. 4-10-34
WALTER J. BARAN, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 6-26-46
FRANK BARTUS, Operator, Limits, Emp. 10-7-42
OSCAR W. BENSON, Operator, Archer, Emp. 2-3-42
JOSEPH CABAY, Telephone Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 5-11-36
MELVIN T. CASPER, Operator, Archer, Emp. 2-2-37
GRADY H. COLLINS, Operator, Kedzie, Emp. 3-21-44
RALPH A. DeMARIA, Superintendent, West Section, Emp. 8-1-30
CHARLES H. DIETZ, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 11-11-36
WALTER DUDZINSKI, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 9-11-42
RALPH W. DuFRESNE, Welder-Blacksmith, Skokie Shops, Emp. 11-8-50
LEONARD C. ERICKSON, Operator, Beverly, Emp. 11-23-36
JOHN FLOYD, Operator, Limits, Emp. 1-26-29
DESMOND GARLAND, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 11-11-36
LESLIE GASKILL, Operator, Kedzie, Emp. 6-27-42
JOSEPH J. GERTZEN, Operator, Beverly, Emp. 10-17-33
PETER G. GRANT, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 6-23-43
JENS P. GUDE, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 6-3-41
HERBERT S. HARRIS, Clerk, Limits, Emp. 5-22-41
JOHN F. HOGAN, Bus Repairer, 77th Street, Emp. 2-19-36
THOMAS C. HORAN, Supervisor, District C, Emp. 11-17-36
MAURICE G. HOWELL, Operator, North Park, Emp. 2-16-42
FRED W. HUNSCHE, Rodman I, Engineering, Emp. 7-24-39
PETER J. HYNES, Janitor, 69th Street, Emp. 10-21-42
ROBERT A. JONES, Superintendent, District B, Emp. 9-12-42
MARION KAAD, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 1-4-64
CHARLES N. KNUTSON, Line Foreman, Electrical, Emp. 3-4-30
CHESTER C. KOBS, Operator, 69th Street, Emp. 10-19-36
CHESTER KOPROWSKI, Operator, Limits, Emp. 6-3-41
ALEX KOUNCKIE, Laborer, South Shops, Emp. 8-19-49
LOUIS G. KRAMER, Garage Supervisor, South Shops, Emp. 6-16-24

J. FLOYD
42 Years

E. F. RICKER
42 Years

D. J. WELLEHAN
43 Years

F. J. VYZRAL
41 Years

W. A. ZELIS
42 Years

CASIMIER LASKOWSKI, Shopman II,
Skokie Shops, Emp. 5-13-36
STEPHEN B. LAWLOR, Traffic Checker,
Schedule-Traffic, Emp. 9-15-37
ROY F. LEMKE, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 12-3-40
ARTHUR R. LIPPHARDT, Chief Clerk,
69th Street, Emp. 2-16-24
NORMAN B. LODERHOSE, Clerk,
West Section, Emp. 2-23-26
CLARENCE A. LORENZEN, Bus Repairer,
69th Street, Emp. 6-20-39
JAMES E. MAHER, Clerk,
Division 241, Emp. 1-8-34
THOMAS E. MALLOY, Janitor,
North Avenue, Emp. 8-26-42
HAROLD R. MILLER, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 7-18-40
RAYMOND J. MURRAY, Machinist,
Skokie Shops, Emp. 12-4-26
JASPER F. MYERS, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 5-1-44
HOWARD F. NORTON, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 11-16-36
PATRICK O'MALLEY, Bus Repairer,
North Park, Emp. 5-25-37
LEROY E. OWENS, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 1-3-46
JOSEPH F. PILAR, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 12-3-41
GILTON L. QUICK, Substation Attendant,
Electrical, Emp. 12-19-46
JOSEPH RASPORICH, Track Foreman IV,
Engineering, Emp. 8-6-29
EDWARD F. RICKER, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 3-6-29
MICHAEL J. SCHULTZ, Bus Repairer,
North Park, Emp. 6-1-27
GLEN A. SEPKE, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 2-18-36
WALTER A. SERAFIN, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 8-25-41
HELEN M. SHANNON, Ticket Agent,
South Section, Emp. 8-13-43
WILLARD J. SIMMS, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 3-13-28
LESTER D. SIMPSON, Bus Repairer,
Kedzie, Emp. 3-3-27
MICHAEL J. SMITH, Janitor,
77th Street, Emp. 10-8-30
PETER C. SPOO, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 2-23-34
ARTHUR F. STAHL, Superintendent,
Security, Emp. 1-31-34
DANIEL J. SULLIVAN, File Clerk,
Claim, Emp. 4-24-43
ANTHONY SYLVESTER, Laborer,
Skokie Shops, Emp. 8-31-45
FRANK J. VYZRAL, Token Clerk,
Treasury, Emp. 9-27-29
ARNOLD M. WALKER, Carpenter A,
Engineering, Emp. 4-7-43
RAYMOND F. WALZ, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 8-31-37
DAVID J. WELLEHAN, Bus & Truck Mechanic,
South Shops, Emp. 1-25-28
WALTER A. ZELIS, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 2-21-29

## DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

TED J. BARGER, Bus Repairer,
North Avenue, Emp. 9-10-46
ANDREW BISCHAK, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 8-20-47
THOMAS L. CONROY, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 8-15-42
JOHN J. GRADY, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 3-17-41
WILLIAM J. HALLA, Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 6-23-37
JAMES NAUDEN, Bus Serviceman,
52nd Street, Emp. 2-6-35
JOSEPH J. O'CONNOR, Clerk,
South Section, Emp. 8-22-41
LAWRENCE VANCE, Shops Clerk III,
South Shops, Emp. 8-18-41

THIS LITTLE angelic lass is LORRAE SEMMERLING, the daughter of BOB SEMMERLING, Area 314, South Shops, who celebrated her first holy communion on May 2.

Department...While on a recent vacation to the southwest, JOE O'SULLIVAN and E. HIRSCH crossed paths in Three Oaks, Arkansas...We are glad to see PAT DUNEK back to work after a long and painful illness...As of this writing BILL SHOLDICE is in Little Company of Mary hospital where he had undergone tests and came out with flying colors. We hope his stay is not too long...On May 8, LEN LOHN became a grandfather for the fourth time when his daughter-in-law presented him with a granddaughter, LORIE MELISSA. This is Len's fourth granddaughter. He has been hoping for a grandson. Len is also sporting a change of appearance. He now has a new hair-do which makes him the Rock & Roller of the department. Never knew that hair grew so fast overnight...LYNN MAGINNIS, the daughter of STU MAGINNIS, recently played a piano solo in a concert in which she was accompanied by the entire Proviso East High school band and the West Symphonic orchestra. Lynn played Gregg's Concerto in "A" minor. The Maginnis family also visited their son, MARK, at Illinois State college over Mother's day weekend... On April 27, ART HUBACZ, commander of the Polish Legion of American Veterans, was presented a bronze medal for his organization for their work on behalf of the aid to the blind program. This medal was presented by the Freedom Foundation of Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. On May 12, Art also received a certificate of merit for the P.L.V.A. for their work on behalf of the hospitalized and wounded veterans at Downey Veterans Administration hospital in Downey, Illinois.

**(Public Information) -**

There is no end to the talent of PAT REED, stenographer, who has crotcheted so many beautiful things. Her latest, a cream colored poncho, has received many compliments. Keep up the good work, Pat, we are proud of you and your endeavors. . . That "cloud nine" hanging over INGRID BOES' desk is the result of the glow from the beautiful new diamond engagement ring she received from PAUL JANKOWSKI, clerk at Storeroom 43, Wilson Shop, on June 8. They are planning a June, 1972, wedding. We wish them many years of happiness.

**(Executive) -**

JANE GARRITY tells us she moved into her lovely new apartment in Oak Lawn. We wish her many happy hours in her new location, and her neighbors will find her a welcome addition to their community... JOHN H. FINCH, assistant comptroller, and his lovely wife picked Florida for their vacation. While down there soaking up the sunshine (it shows), they visited RAY HYNES in Largo, who is looking chipper and feeling well. He sends his regards to his friends in the north... MARY ANN JAGODZINSKI joined MARY ANNE McMAHON and EILEEN ARDELL of Employe Relations (with their husbands, naturally, who supplied the money), for a mini-vacation to fabulous Las Vegas. They took in all the nightclub shows, sights, and one-armed bandits their time and money permitted. Regardless of time, night or day, they found casinos filled to capacity with people who had one aim in mind, "enjoy yourself, it's later than you think."

**(Reproduction Services) -**

Our deepest sympathy is extended to EDDIE O'ROURKE on the death of his brother, THOMAS O'ROURKE.

**(Medical) -**

Something new and attractive has been added to the Medical Department staff which will make your temperatures rise. MARY LEDWITH, RN, and RITA WANTROBA, registered X-ray technician, are modeling pants suits in white.

**(Research & Planning) -**

Congratulations are in order for DALE and COLLEEN MANGELSDORFF who received a visit from the stork on Saturday, April 24, at 9:32 a.m., delivering LISA MARIE who weighed in at 6 pounds $14\frac{1}{2}$ ounces. Dale's first words as he passed out cigars to everyone were, "she's very beautiful." Dale's been smiling ever since and working a lot harder, too...TOM HENNINGSEN is happy to be back at work after a restful, relaxing two-week vacation. He just stayed at home loafing around the house every day. CHARLIE DROZDA also spent a week's vacation loafing around the house. BILL JONES spent part of his one-week vacation in Detroit, but caught a sudden cold and had to return home. Now that he's back on the job he feels much better. We're glad to know that you enjoy your work so much, Bill. ..NORM OSWALD was promoted to senior transit analyst on May 1. He's really had his nose to the grindstone lately and is doing a fine job. If anyone wants to get rid of some green stamps, give them to Norm. He's collecting them to help pay for a new school bus for his church. We hope you get your bus soon, Norm... DAVE PHILLIPS, who was a trainee in the Planning Section, is now a permanent transit technician. Good luck, Dave, in your new position. On the weekends, during the end of April and the first couple weeks of May, Dave and his friend, DICK BRAZDA, a graduate trainee now on the rapid, rode passenger trains going to such diverse points as Cleveland, St. Louis, Minneapolis, and Galesburg, Illinois. They were observing these operations before and after the Amtrak take-over May 1.

*- Regina Daren & Eileen Neurauter*

**KEDZIE -**

Superintendents M. HARRINGTON and G. DAUBS wish to thank all the operators for breaking our accident, complaint, and commendation records. For our accomplishment we had coffee and rolls on management. We have to give a big pat on the back to Instructors JACKSON, IACONO, KOCAR, and WILLIAMS, and also to our line instructors. Pensioner VITO LOCONTE and his lovely wife are planning a trip to Italy for two months. Operator J. RICHARDSON visited Vito at his new home in McHenry, Illinois.

..Congratulations to Operators E. WHITE and C. HICKMAN who completed the supervisor training program and are now in the pool awaiting assignment...Congratulations to VIRGINIA STEELE, the daughter of Operator and Mrs. R. STEELE, who was married on Saturday, June 5, to PAUL ENDERS. An open house was held for the newlyweds and the food and drinks were super. We wish them all the happiness that life can bring...Instructor J. IACONO's daughter was married to A. WESTPHAL on May 29 with the reception at the Elmhurst Country club. The happy couple enjoyed a honeymoon in California and Las Vegas...Instructor KOCAR vacationed at Lake Jordan, Wisconsin, just fishing, relaxing, and drinking beer...The Kedzie Wheelers opened their softball season with a big win over the Building Department. CHARLIE WILLIAMS was the pitcher of record getting his first win of the season, allowing only five hits. The defense of the Wheelers was just great, with only three base runners reaching third base. JIM TURNER was called upon to use his "rain drop" pitch when he relieved Charlie in the late innings. WOODY ROBINSON used his power and hit two home runs, and that iced the game and the day for the Kedzie Wheelers. The second game found the Wheelers opposing the General Office team. After a rough start, the Wheelers put their power in motion and scored 12 runs in the second inning. Led by MELVIN (Spider Web) WEBB's home run, they unleashed their power to overcome a 4 to 1 lead by the General Office team. With such a lead, Manager FORREST McHERRON decided to rest some of his superstars and sent in three new players. The Wheelers rolled on to their second victory. Big JOHN HEIDT was honored by the Wheelers for his wonderful efforts and devotion as the team medic over the past two seasons...Our deepest sympathy is extended to Operator and Board Member WILLIAM LARSEN whose mother, Mrs. SOPHIE LARSEN, was laid to rest at Oakridge cemetery on May 26. Mrs. Larsen was 82 years old. Condolences also to Pensioner CLYDE WARD on the passing of his wife who was laid to rest on April 22 at Rosehill cemetery...At the time of this writing, Operators J. SCANLON, J. LOCACIUS, and your reporter, RAY GRAHAM, were on the sick list. Here's wishing all of them a speedy recovery and hope they return to work soon...Don't forget the Division 241 golf outing on July 19 at St. Andrews Country club. See your board member for tickets and further information pertaining to this outing.

*- Raymond Graham*

**KEELER -**

Hi gang! Well here's hoping that all you young fellows survived the magic-tricky month of June. Better luck next time, girls. One who didn't get away was Operator M. LEE as BOBBIE snared him seven years ago on June 7. In fact, Lee is kind of proud of his fate for it made possible the thrill of seeing his son, ADRIAN, graduate from the Early Child Development school...Box Puller BEN ZENTMEYER received a hot-line call from his son, HUGH, in Kentucky that Ben had become a grandpop on June 8. It was a girl... Operator S. BARATH was gifted by his wife, BEVERLY, with an 8 pound 4 ounce bouncing baby boy on May 9...Our number one custodial technician, SY GOLDMAN, celebrated his birthday on June 20. However, the only present Sy wants is the presence of his wife, NELLIE, at home. She has been hospitalized at St. Mary's hospital recovering from a heart attack. Hurry and get well, Nellie, for we all miss you for Sy's sake...Other June birthdayers include: Operators GORDON, June 2; BANKS, June 6; GORDON, June 10; WHITE, June 13; PRUITT, June 14; JARVIS, June 15; JANITO, June 15; AYERS, June 15; CHRISTENSEN, June 19; McGHEE, June 21; RICHARD, June 23; WASHINGTON, June 26; FREY, June 26; JASEK, June 27; POWELL, June 28, and LEE, June 30...Operator HARVEY BECKER had to buy a lot of foot lotion for his daughter, EILEEN, who participated in the 30-mile March for Hunger. Becker's son, JOHN, who is in the marines, was sent birthday greetings on May 7. Becker almost had a three-day week with pay as May 8 was his CTA anniversary date, and May 12 was his birthday...Had a phone call visit with our good buddy, E. ZIELKE, who was hospitalized in Northwest hospital for surgery. Hurry back, Zielke, as we miss all that good news you share with us...Say, fellows, if you fail to recognize Operator PANCIC it's because he had a nose operation and now looks like Rock Hudson...Pensioner TOM CONROY dropped by the station to gloat over some of his old cronies. Tom also worked at North Park. So, Tom, here's hoping you have many years of happy retirement from every operator at both stations...The "Glad Dad" trophy goes to Relief Superintendent LOUIS MUELLER whose son, RAYMOND, was recently graduated from Christian Brothers college in Memphis, Tennessee...Operator STANLEY JOSWIAK and his wife suntanned in Miami. M. BUCKLEY and his wife, RUTH, really lived it up when they visited Nassau, San Juan, St. Thomas, and all them islands... If you wondered how Superintendent M. DeWITT and his wife look so youthful, maybe the reason is those wonderful mineral baths in Hot Springs, Arkansas...I know we have the best garage crew in the system, so, fellows, why not show them our gratitude by closing the windows on the buses when pulling into the station...So in closing, remember: to have friends one must be friendly. On the other hand, the man who never lends money never has many friends. He doesn't need them.

*- Ernest C. Carter*

**LIMITS -**

We welcome Senior Station Instructor E. J. WESTON to Limits. May your stay with us be long and pleasant... RICHARD STEPHANS and his dear wife, MARY ELLA, celebrated their 39th year of matrimony last month. Congratulations and best wishes to this fine couple...WAYNE HARVEY, the son of Operator HARVEY, was united in marriage to a lovely girl by the name of CATHERINE on

KATHLEEN MARIE KING, the daughter of HAROLD and LORETTA KING, was recently graduated from Loyola university where she received her bachelor of science degree in nursing. She plans to enter VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America). Her dad, Harold, is a bus operator at North Park Station.

JOSEPH GUZZARDO, the son of Operator IRVING and MILDRED SHER, North Park, is pictured after his recent induction into the National Honor Society at Von Stueben High school. Joseph will enter his senior year at Von Stueben in September.

June 12. The ceremony took place in the Bell-Tower Lake of the Woods, Champaign, Illinois. Congratulations and best wishes to this happy couple. His daughter, MARY LYNN, upon her graduation from Iowa State college, will serve with the Peace Corps in Africa. So with these two events taking place in the Harvey household, there will be plenty of excitement...We are happy to see MIKE HOFFERT back with us again after serving his tour of duty with the armed forces in Viet Nam. Mike is one of our congenial clerks who has a smile for everyone...Operator R. DAQUILANTE and his dear wife, SHARON, welcomed a cute little Miss into their home by the name of DARYL LYNN last month. Congratulations to this fine couple. . . Operator GORDON TAYLOR launched his 12-foot boat in Dunn's Lake, Illinois. He has named the boat "Snoopie" after his pet dog. Taylor is looking forward to many happy and carefree hours this summer on his boat...We are happy to see KEN STENDEL, bus placer, back with us after undergoing surgery. Ken reports that he is feeling fine and we all hope he will stay in good health...CHARLEY KUSCH, supervisor at Diversey and Sheridan, not only does his work to perfection, but is also one of the neatest on the system. His uniform is always spotless and he receives many words of praise from the riding public...Operators MARTIN HAUTZINGER, LEWIS GEISHEMIER, and R. PEISKAR have been off due to illness and surgery. We all wish you fellows a speedy return to good health as we miss you...Do you need any financial assistance now that summer is here and vacations are in full swing? Why not see your credit union? They will be more than happy to help you in regards to money matters...Our sincerest sympathy to JOHN FOYT on the death of his father who was 83 years of age. He passed away in far away Poland.

- R. S. Benson

LOOP -

We would like to start our column this month by welcoming MICHAEL CAFFERTY, our new Transit Board Chairman...Best wishes for many happy years of retirement to the following: Clerk LODERHOSE, June 1; MARION KAAD, June 1; Superintendent of Agents and Porters RALPH DeMARIA, July 1, and Mrs. BERNICE VAN DER VRIES, CTA board member who felt that Governor Ogilvie should appoint a younger person in her place. Mrs. Van der Vries celebrated her 81st birthday this year. The governor has appointed LAWRENCE G. SUCSY, an investment banker, to replace her on July 1. Mrs. Van der Vries intends to keep active. She will continue to serve on eight different boards and committees in public service and charitable fields. Good luck to a fine lady...Some of MARION KAAD's friends, including your co-reporter, MARY WIXTED, had a get-together at the home of Agent JUNE BAREKMAN to celebrate Marion's retirement. It was a most enjoyable evening and June is a marvelous hostess. A group of us took Marion to the Martinique for dinner and to the play at Drury Lane. It was another delightful day. Retired Agent LILL CONROY joined us, and she is well and enjoying her retirement...Retired Agent GENNY HARDING is enjoying the California sunshine at this time and sends greetings to all her friends...BILL PFEIFFER says married life is just great and he sounds like he means it...Our best wishes for a long and happy future to Mr. and Mrs. HARRY CLOUGH. Mrs. Clough, the former CATHY RASCHICK, Transit News reporter for Purchasing, Specifications and Stores, sat across from us at the last reporter's dinner and was bemoaning the fact that she was still single. I told her she probably wouldn't be for long. I am very happy now to say, "I told you so."..Agent MARY VIDAS had a week of vacation at home just relaxing and taking it easy. ..Agent BILL CUSACK's daughter, MORA LANE, 13, came from Austin, Minnesota, where she has been living with her aunt. She is going to stay in Chicago with her dad who couldn't be any happier. Mora arrived on the first day of Bill's vacation... Foot Collector S. KAULIS and his wife celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in June with a trip to Las Vegas. Congratulations!..Agent JUNE BAREKMAN left this month for her European trip. She will visit Norway, Denmark, Sweden, and England. Lucky lady, we can hardly wait for her return to hear all about this journey...The following people are still on the sick list: JOHN FILIPEK, SLIM HOLMES, W. STRASSER, ELEANOR HASBROUCK, HERB SAFFRAHN, DEL HARRINGTON, JACKIE HOLMES, and CECYLIA ROPA. We wish all of them a speedy return to good health...JUANITA EDEN had a birthday on June 12 and received a bicycle as a gift. The bike and Juanita are really getting a good workout...Congratulations to the son of Foot Collector KAULIS who was recently graduated from navy boot camp...We hope that our congenial editor, BOB HEINLEIN, crowded a lot of fun into his short vacation, but we are glad to have him back at the helm...Our sister scribe, GRACE MOUNTS, says she has a yen to visit Niagara Falls. This sounds like a second honeymoon. How romantic... Agent WILBUR STRASSER and his wife, HAZEL, had a wonderful vacation. They visited Toronto, Canada, New York, and Ohio. Too bad Wilbur took ill two days after their return home. We hear he is doing well and hope he will return to work in tip-top condition. . . Agent GLADYS RUEDIGER entertained friends from St. Louis. In spite of the fact that Gladys worked a midnight trick, they all had a marvelous time...Agent J. McDANIELS celebrated his birthday in early June, and his little son, TYRONE, had a birthday in May...Had the pleasure of meeting old timer FRANK (Speed) MARTIN who has been retired for almost 20 years. He is still as peppy as ever, even though he has passed his 85th year. Speed worked as a motorman on the old Armitage avenue streetcars. His brother, ED, is also a retired CTA man who now lives in Lodi, Wisconsin. Ed says hello to all his old friends, especially DOROTHY PARKER with whom he worked as an agent. Frank gave me a 1952 issue of Transit News to read. I found it quite interesting... Your co-reporter, M. WIXTED, would like to thank all her friends

who called and sent cards during her recent illness. It was greatly appreciated...Those of you who read the Berwyn Life newspaper, are no doubt familiar with the song writing talent of Trainman JOE CABRNOCH. One of Joe's songs, entitled "Lady Bird", has been published. He sent two copies to Former President L. B. Johnson, who in return sent him an engraved plaque of the L.B.J. Ranch. Mr. Johnson has placed the song in the Johnson library among his personal documents, photographs, and 500,000 feet of movies. Joe has written many songs and we hope in the near future they will be released and become hits...Our deepest sympathy is extended to Retired Board Member HERB ELSNER on the death of his wife...Best wishes to B. J. BERO, the son of DOLORES BERO, who was graduated from Lyons Township High school on June 11...A great big welcome to new West Section Agents PATRICIA ANN HARRIS, MARION RICHARDSON, and KAREN CORLISS... Trainman LEO FORD came home from Toronto, Canada, a really happy and excited man. His league won the bowling trophy. Congratulations!..Agent MINNIE DIKEMAN and Pensioner MARION KAAD were among the volunteers who sold donuts for the Salvation Army on Friday, June 11... Janitor FRANK CULL is spending his two-week vacation in Ohio...Keep smiling.

*- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wirted*

**MILWAUKEE, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -**

CARL FAUST has sold his old home and bought a new one at 2631 N. Ridgeway, so you Ravenswood motormen can quit looking for him in the back yard...FRED FRIEB took a few days off and traveled to Joplin, Missouri, to see how much damage the tornado had done and to visit his relatives. It also gave him a chance to break in his new car... BILL MARTZ went on a three-week vacation May 1 and traveled to Denver, Colorado, to visit with his son who was wounded in Viet Nam...RAY WALZ celebrated his 64th birthday on May 18 and took his pension on June 1. Here's hoping he has a long, healthy, and happy retirement. Ray says he plans to do a little traveling...E. H. BEEBE took his vacation on May 23 so he could get ready for his son's wedding. By the way, Beebe also celebrated his CTA anniversary date on May 13...DELL HARRINGTON went into the hospital on May 24 for surgery on her foot. Here's hoping you have a speedy recovery, Dell, and a quick return to work...Glad to see ANN SMAGON back at Damen Station after being in the subway for one pick...HELEN CHRISTNER is now home recuperating from surgery and doing very good. Here's hoping for a quick recovery and return to work...MARION KAAD, Chicago & Milwaukee Station, took her pension on June 1. NORMAN LODERHOSE, clerk at Jefferson Park, also took his pension on June 1. Here's hoping they have a long, happy, and healthy retirement...FRED FRIEB and his wife are really living it up after getting their new car. They decided to put in a new furnace, humidifier, and central air-conditioning so they could live in comfort when he retires...ELEANOR HASBROUCK and EARL GILBERT are still on the sick list. Get well soon both of you. JACKIE HOLMES, from the assignment office, was in the hospital for surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery so she can return to work soon, along with CECYLIA ROPA and MIKE TOBIN...JO GIBLIN celebrated her anniversary date with CTA on May 9, and your co-reporter, GRACE MOUNTS, celebrated 12 years with CTA on May 23. Grace took four days off and she and her husband took a trip to Bloomington, Indiana, where they visited her cousin and attended an Amway meeting and supper. Grace and her cousin are both Amway distributors. They had a wonderful time and two gorgeous days of relaxation. On June 19 Grace took possession of an air-conditioned 1971 Buick LeSabre...We wish to express our deepest sympathy to the families of H. ERBSTOESSER who passed away on May 16, and to Agent JIMMY REED whose mother passed away...Collector STANLEY KAULIS and his wife celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on June 8, and spent the week of June 20 in Las Vegas. Congratulations to the happy couple...JUNE BAREKMAN is planning to spend her vacation in Europe this year...BILL PFEIFFER's baseball team seems the one to beat this year. Good luck to Bill and his boys...Former Ticket Agent CAROL QUINN and her husband, BOB, who is a supervisor at Jefferson Park, have just bought a beautiful new home in Antioch, Illinois...We extend our deepest sympathy to JUSTIN McCARTHY on the loss of his mother...Congratulations to Janitor CARMELO DIAZ and his wife, JUSTINA, on the birth of a baby girl, LEZANDRA, on May 28 in Manati, Puerto Rico, weighing 8½ pounds and measuring 22 inches long. This makes two girls and one boy for the Diaz family...We extend a warm welcome to our returning summer students and to all the newly-hired agents...JOHN TAYLOR celebrated his birthday on June 17. Congratulations to John and all the other employes who celebrated birthdays in June...Superintendent JOHN ZUPKO and his family just bought a home on the North Side. So if you don't see him around, you will know why. There is always something to do when you own a home.

*- Grace Mounts & Katy Moriarty*

**NORTH AVENUE -**

Supervisor RONALD ROY enjoyed a vacation with his wife, a second honeymoon in Bermuda. He says it is a lovely place with ideal weather. Enjoying golfing and delicious fish dinners in Florida are Operator WILLIE BLUME and his spouse. Another Florida visitor is Operator JOE HENNELLY who visited his niece in Jacksonville, and old friends in St. Petersburg...Pensioner JOE HIEBEL reports good fishing in Algoma, Wisconsin, where he and his better half visited his brother...Your scribe plans to take off in a few days for some fishing in Minnesota. My son, Garage Clerk WAYNE MIEDEMA, and his better half, BONNIE, enjoyed a trip to Lake Geneva on their vacation. My other son, Clerk BILL MIEDEMA, Forest Glen, and his spouse, JACKIE, spent a week in Dixieland and ended up at the Kentucky Derby...Clerk BILL PINASCO says the fishing in Minnesota is great...A letter from our old friend, Pension-

**BERNICE PEDERSON** proudly displays the northern pike caught by her husband, Pensioner **LE ROY PEDERSON**, while fishing in Decatur, Michigan, where they now reside. Le Roy was an operator at North Park.

THIS LITTLE bundle of joy is DENISE WILLIAMS, the five-month old daughter of JOHN and MARGARET WILLIAMS. John is in the Stores Department at Blue Island.

er BILL ECHOLS, tells us that he didn't have surgery. He said he didn't like the odds against his recovery. Remember him in your prayers...Pensioner LARS PEARSON and his wife, ANNA, were here to visit their daughter. Their daughter and her husband bought a resort on Lake Norfork in Arkansas and moved in June. It is close to Lars' home in Mountain Home, Arkansas, and Lars and Anna will be happy to have them nearby. They are planning a trip to Texas for their nephew's graduation from East Texas State college...We received a L'Anse newspaper from Pensioner ART MOILANEN who keeps us up to date about the fishing in that area...My son, DAVID MIEDEMA, will be graduating from Young Grammar school...With a personal letter from President Nixon to cheer them, Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH PELIKAN, the parents of Operator JOSEPH PELIKAN, celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary on Sunday, May 9. They have three sons, JOSEPH Jr., ORVILLE, and JOHN; one daughter, Mrs. VIRGINIA DIVIDA, ten grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. Joseph and ANNA were born in Chicago, he on the West Side, and she on the corner of Ashland and School in a building that was torn down to make way for the Wieboldt store...Serviceman PETER GERAME's son got his masters degree in business administration from DePaul university. We wish him the best of luck...Operator THOMAS PHILPOTT was elected "favorite bus driver of the year" by D-days' senior bowlers. They say riding with him almost makes going to school fun. They enjoy his ready smile and good mood... Our sympathy to Operator HAROLD FORSTER who lost his mother on June 1. "Safe in the arms of Jesus, safe on His gentle breast."..We hope all of you had an enjoyable July 4th holiday...Now to our boys who were on the sick list: Operators RONALD BRIGGS, CHESTER ELKE, and JULIUS TEDESCHI, Supervisor CHARLES OLCIKAS, and Operator EDWARD GUNDLACH. Also on that list was Clerk WALTER BLIX, our reporter who, we are happy to report, is back with us and gave us the news from the Inner Sanctum which this time naturally concerns vacations. Among some of those who have been away were Clerk TOM HICKEY and his wife (or should we say frau?), BEA, who flew to Germany and Ireland. It is our opinion that it would take more than a crash course in German to get Tom to speak any other language than the one he uses all the time. Clerk ED WITEK sort of divided his vacation between going to Wisconsin and a "honey-do" vacation. You know the kind, "honey do this, or honey do that." Lest we forget, Mrs. Witek joined in both of these. After Relief Superintendent ART TABEL and his wife, LAVERNE, returned from New Orleans, he told about having ridden on buses for a 15 cent fare, and that included a transfer. My wife, VIRGINIA, and I made an early spring tour of Missouri and Arkansas. The favorite story that has been making the rounds about how I hurt my back, is that the bottles of wine we brought back from the Weidekehr Winery in Arkansas were too heavy for me. (You believe what you want to believe.)...By the time you read this, the HESTERS, JACK and NOREEN, and the rest of their family should be installed in their new home on Chicago's Northwest Side. Has anyone said anything about a "housewarmin'?" . . Switchboard Operator LOU DRAPP's vacation was postponed due to the fact that he had to spend some time in St. Anne's hospital. It probably won't help a bit for Clerks BOB STACH and BILL PINASCO to tell him all about the big ones that got away...In our next issue we hope to tell you all about what kind of vacation the following bunch of fellows had: Clerks FRED MURBARGER, FRANK PASCHE, BOB WITTENBERG, AL ROHDE, and WILLIAM PARNUM...There has been another change of command here at North Avenue. WILLIAM MOSER is now station superintendent, and our assistant superintendent is none other than WARD CHAMBERLAIN. Welcome to North Avenue, sir. The top man on Sundays will be WILLIAM PARNUM. DON LEMM, who was with us for much too short a time, headed back upstairs to the highline. Good luck to you, and drop in to see us whenever you can...For our next bit of news we're going to sort of stray off the beaten path and head up north to Forest Glen Station. The day is May 27, 1971, the occasion is PAUL WINKOWSKI day at Forest Glen. If you were there you know that the walls were practically bulging at the seams with all the people who came to honor a little guy who has been a real friend and a big help to a lot of us for many a year. We're speaking of none other than Instructor Paul Winkowski. It seems that we all wanted him to know what we thought of him. After all, for years he's been telling us what he thought of us, and, believe me, it hasn't always been good. He was never too busy to listen to anyone's problems and always ready to offer a lot of good advice. Good luck, Paul, keep up the good work.

*- William Miedema*

**NORTH PARK -**

The personnel of North Park Depot and garage wish to thank Superintendents R. K. KEAG, E. W. BRODD, V. L. JOHNSON, and the Credit Union for their treat of coffee and doughnuts on Tuesday, May 11. The occasion was for beating our par for the month of April, and we expect to have several more treats...Our congratulations to our union officials on your vote of confidence ratifying the pension plan. . . The daughters of Operator ROGER and HELEN AYOTTE competed on May 1 and 2 in the 11th Annual Illinois Music Association organ contests held at McCormick Place. DEBORAH, age 11, added to her collection of trophies by winning first place in the Senior A division. MONICA, age 7, playing in her first contest won the second place trophy in the Cadet B division...CRAIG OLENSKI, the son of Operator CHESTER OLENSKI, received his first holy communion on Sunday, April 18, at St. Gregory's church. A reception was held at the Olenski's home where young Craig received the congratulations of friends and relatives...MAUREEN KENNY, the daughter of Operator FRANK KENNY, was graduated from Northeastern college on April 21...JOANNE BRODD, the daughter of Superintendent EDWARD BRODD, was graduated

from Alvernia High school on June 11. Joanne's plans for the future call for a fling at the business world and attendance at an evening college...Former Clerk WALTER RINGHOFF, who is living at 7642 N. 46th Avenue in Glendale, Arizona 85301, reports that he is enjoying his position at a title and trust company in Phoenix...Former Operator ART STERN, now working as a ticket agent, at this writing is confined at Bethesda hospital where he underwent major surgery. Our prayers are with Art for a complete recovery...VIVIAN BAEUCHLER, the wife of Operator LEN BAEUCHLER, is ready to join the handicappers club at Arlington Park Race Track. Vivian, who doesn't know much about horses, picked a daily double and a perfecta winner on two consecutive Mondays...Operator ROY LEMKE began his pension on June 1 after 30 years of service. Roy and his wife, MARION, are looking for a home in the Ozarks, particularly around the Forsyth or Lake Norfolk area. We at North Park wish this fine couple many years of fine fishing. Operator MAURICE HOWELL retired on June 1 after 29 years of service. Operator TOM CONROY went on disability pension June 1. We extend our best wishes to these fine gentlemen and hope to see them around the depot occasionally...Happy anniversaries are extended to the following: Operator CHESTER OLENSKI and his wife, JOANNE, their 21st; Operator JACK URBAN and his wife, SARAH, their 35th; Operator FRANK KENNY and his wife, their 25th; Operator CHARLES SAUER and his wife, their 21st; Operator HAROLD JULITZ and his wife, ANN, their 37th; Operator EDGAR NEWTON and his wife, FRANCES, their 35th; Operator JERRY BUDZISZ and his wife, HELEN, their 15th; Operator WALTER UHLEMAN and his wife, LEONA, their 36th; Operator BOB CIESLA and his wife, EMELIA, their 33rd; Operator BILL KNIGHT and his wife, ELKINA, their 25th; Operator LE ROY CARR and his wife, LOUISE, their 25th; Operator DON HEANEY and his wife, SONIA, their 18th; Operator CHARLES KEMP and his wife, HELEN, their 26th; Operator RALPH ILLION and his wife, LILLIAN, their 31st; Pensioner MAURICE MARTENS and his wife, AGNES, their 35th; Pensioner and Mrs. ALVIN DAVIS, their 27th; Pensioner TED DIDIER and his wife, MADA, their 38th, and Clerk SAM GIRARD and his wife, WANDA, their 30th. Checker NICK ZAHN and his wife, JULIA, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on June 12 with a trip to Miami, Florida, where they boarded the U.S.S. Arriadme for a trip to Freeport in the Bahama Islands, and Mexico...Happy birthdays are extended to the following: Operators CHESTER OLENSKI, TEX RHINES, and SAM POSNER, Clerk TERRY LATTIN, Pensioner JOE EIFFES, DAN KAZAR, ETHEL POSNER, MARTIN STERN, BETHEL KIRKWOOD, and ROSALEEN DOLAN...Golfers, remember the date--Monday, July 19, at St. Andrew's Golf club. The Division 241 annual golf day will be held on this date and we are looking forward to all golfers participating in this fine event...Need cash for that vacation? See JOHN, TONY, or DALE at the Credit Union office and they will be happy to provide you and yours with ready cash...Our sympathy is extended to Clerks VERNON and LESTER RAGE on the passing of their mother, Mrs. RAGE.

Repair Department Chit Chat: Enjoying vacations at this time are the following: ED MUNOZ, PAT O'MALLEY, ROBERT MILLER, JOHN HENNELLY, ALEX FRITZLER, EDWARD PALA, LEN TROJANOWSKI, ANNABEL FERNANDEZ, B. O'DONNELL, MATT HEAVEY, JIM MARTIN, ANDY KARIOLICH, HENRY MADDEN, GEORGE WITT, ROBERT KRAMER, and GEORGE BONESS...DEBRA BAKER, the daughter of Repairman BUCKY BAKANOWICZ, was named to the Queen's Court for the fourth year in a row at Wauconda High school...Sergeant EDWARD BAKANOWICZ led the Memorial day parade as guest of honor at Medinah, Illinois, Sunday, May 30. On Monday, May 31, BUCKY led the Wauconda, Illinois, American Legion parade for the 12th consecutive year...NORA KARIOLICH, the daughter of Assistant Foreman ANDY KARIOLICH, was elected president of her sorority at Butler university...Congratulations are extended to the garage personnel for the fine job they have done on the cleaning of the inside and outside of our buses...CHARLEY DUNNE, retired garage foreman, has been spending considerable time fishing on Lake Michigan and is catching his share of coho salmon.

*- Melvin Horning*

**NORTH SECTION -**

A special award of devotion to duty should go to Superintendent BILL ROONEY who reported to work for three days on crutches. Moving around like "old peg-leg Pete", we're wondering who he gave the old boot to? If it happens again, how about a black eye patch? On May 29 Mr. Rooney's son, BRIAN, and Miss BONNIE POWELL from Danville, Illinois, were joined in holy matrimony at Bloomingdale, Illinois. Bonnie is a medical technician and her father is a well known surgeon in Danville. Brian is majoring in psychology. Our best wishes for a long and happy marriage to the newlyweds...Our sympathy and condolences to LETA CAUSEY and her family on the death of her father...Agent CAROL GREEN STEVENS was recently confined in the hospital, but is now back to work and we wish her continued good health...Birthday greetings to the following: Agents DOROTHY MILLONETTO, BETTY FIFE, SARA SIMMONS, ROSE McANDREWS, and LELA DuCREE, and Janitor JOHN BONNER. John has just returned to work after being off sick for two months...Assistant Station Superintendent ROBERT SUTA had another week of vacation, and this time he informed us that he was on a scaffold painting his house. We understand he was posing for the Dutch Boy label and commercial...The rapid transit station clerks had a system pick. Clerk ROBERT STEWART transferred to the South Section, and Clerk LANGLOIS came to the North from the West. We will miss Bob...In training for clerk at the present time are former Foot Collector M. ASHLEY, and also B. SCAIFE. Good luck to you both...With the new clerk's pick we now have a new chief clerk, WALKER BALK, and we wish him good luck and smooth sailing...North Side Station Superintendent M. LaVELLE has been off work for a few days with a badly

THIS ATTRACTIVE young lady is OLIVIA FARRELL, the wife of North Avenue Station Operator ROBERT FARRELL, who was recently promoted as unit supervisor of Project Learn in the Green Homes unit. Formerly head teacher of this project, Olivia is pictured with two of her young pupils in the school.

UNDER THE protective core of her giant teddy bear is little DEBORAH ANN CHRISTENSEN, the granddaughter of Communications Engineer GEORGE and BILLIE CHRISTENSEN, Electrical Department. Deborah will celebrate her first birthday on October 17.

injured knee. We hope it won't be too long before he is back on the job...Ticket Agent MINNA KING was in an auto accident while on her way to work. We understand that she received a severe bump on the head. We hope she will be well soon...It seems that Agent ROSE McANDREWS had quite a time with a dog at the Rockwell station. The dog insisted on going through past the window. Cheer up, Rose, you can't be written up for not collecting a fare from a dog. ..Many North Side employes recently lost two true and good friends with the deaths of Agents FREDDIE KING and WAYNE GRIFFIN. Both Mrs. King and Mrs. Griffin wish to thank all the CTA employes for their kindness and sympathy...Supervisor DICK STANTON recently underwent major surgery at Ravenswood hospital. Dick has been on the sick list for quite a long time and we sincerely wish him a speedy recovery and look for his return...Ravenswood Conductor JOHN RUSIN is in Swedish Covenant hospital after suffering a severe heart attack. John, we all pray for your recovery. Ticket Agent BERTHA ATKINSON is still on the sick list and wants to thank her many friends for their kindnesses, cards, and calls...Your North Side scribe recently was the recipient of a Chicago Police citation for giving aid to a police officer, and in so doing, saved his life. To receive such a commendation was more than I expected. I wish to say thanks to the Police Department... Agent ART STEARN is out of the hospital but still on the sick list. He wishes to thank everyone for their kindnesses. ..Agent THELMA ZINNINGER became a grandma when her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD KALHAUGE, presented her with her first granddaughter, KRISTIE. They also have twin boys. Congratulations, grandma...To the North Side employes who have made remarks about the pay we scribes get for writing these articles, I wish to inform you that all we receive is the satisfaction of knowing we have contributed our part to CTA teamwork. If you don't see your name mentioned, then the communication failure is you yourself... Married May 29 was the daughter of LILLIE WILLIS, KAREN, who became the bride of BENJAMIN CHATMAN. Good luck to them both. Benjamin is in the army...Your reporter received a nice letter from a retired North Section man now living in Florida. RICHARD BARTELS started with the "L" in 1915 and retired in 1952 and still recalls working a ten-hour day at 21 cents an hour. He would enjoy hearing from some of his fellow workers. His address is 1035 Arlington Avenue North, St. Petersburg, Florida 33705.

- *Tina Henke*

**OPERATIONS (Transportation) -**

JAMES R. TUCKER did a little traveling during the two weeks he was away on vacation. He spent a week at a friend's farm on Lake Ray Hubbard at Rockwall, Texas, and visited some relatives in Dallas and Tennessee. Jim stopped at Fort Worth where he rode on the Leonard's streetcar line, which is just under a mile in length. They run a four-minute service between downtown Fort Worth and the parking lots along the river, using air-conditioned PCC cars. Regular trolley poles are used and the operator changes them at each end of the line without moving from his seat. This was very interesting and enjoyable. If you're thinking that he didn't go to New Orleans this trip, you're wrong. He spent three very nice days there visiting with some friends. The weather was very nice throughout the trip and he had a wonderful time...WALLY OQUIST and his wife, BETTY, drove to St. Louis where they stayed with their daughter for three days. During the balance of his vacation he played golf and said he shot in the middle 90's. Wally returned to work with a tan, so we know he was out in the sun...RALPH TRACY, his wife, JOSIE, and son, RANDY, spent several days near the Dells in Wisconsin. A nice part of this vacation was being visited by some friends and spending a few days with them. The weather was nice and they had a good time...Congratulations to RICHARD, the son of JERRY JOHNSON, who graduated from Our Lady of Peace School on June 4. In the fall he will attend Hales Franciscan High school...MARGARET ARCHER recently transferred from telephone operator to information clerk. We extend our wishes for good luck in your new job...On June 1 CARL W. GIBES was appointed assistant superintendent of operating stations. We are happy to have you with us and wish you success in your new job. Congratulations!..A sincere thanks is sent from Mrs. GEORGE RILEY to all those who were so nice to her while she was ill...Our sympathy is extended to EVA MARCIN whose mother, ADELE TESSAROLO, passed away on May 11. The funeral was on May 14 from Holy Rosary church.

**(Equipment Research & Development) -**

On May 1, RALPH MARTZ began his retirement and a life of leisure. A retirement dinner was held in his honor at the M&M Club on April 28. His wife, EDYTHE B., and all who attended had a good time. We extend our best wishes for a very happy and healthy retirement. I think he got off to a good start by vacationing for one month.

**(Traffic Planning) -**

Congratulations are extended to JIM TOOLIS for two special reasons. First, his daughter, BARBARA, was united in matrimony to ANDREW STYCZYNSKI at St. Ethelreda church on May 15. The reception was held at the Golden Age restaurant. The newlyweds spent their honeymoon at the Abbey. The second reason is that on June 3, his daughter, MARILYN, gave birth to a 5 pound baby boy whom they named CHRISTOPHER...The family of JERRY KANE now consists of two boys and two girls.

**(Utility and Emergency Service) -**

JAMES, the son of Emergency Truck Chauffeur FRANK SIPICH, recently received his doctorate degree in psychology from the University of Illinois. Congratulations and best wishes for a successful future...Mr. and Mrs. O. W. JOHNSON vacationed in New Orleans where they had good weather and a wonderful time... A speedy recovery is wished to R. O'GORMAN, A. KRAUS, F. SPITALLI, and W. MOOG who are off sick...We extend our condolences to

L. GALLE whose father-in-law passed away recently...The new faces in our department belong to DAN FITZGIBBON, QUINTON JAMES, and CALVIN OLDHAM who transferred from Archer, Lawndale, and 77th Street respectively. Good luck in your new jobs.

*- Colette Szczepanek*

**PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -**

Hello! We're happy that so many of you furnished news for this issue. Good work, and we hope you keep it up... First of all, we would like to welcome our new Chairman of the Board, MICHAEL CAFFERTY. We all wish you the very best on your new assignment here at CTA...RICHARD TESCH, Purchasing, decided to try his luck at flying on a Delta 747, which he has raved about since his return from Florida. "It's the only way to fly," Dick states. He went to Miami Beach and stayed at the lovely Montmarte hotel for seven days of sand, sea, sunshine, and girl-watching. Girl-watching? How did that get in there?..HELEN TOTH, Purchasing, really worked on her three-week vacation. She planted 21 tomato plants in her garden; however, some leisure was enjoyed as she practiced on her organ...Purchasing's ED THORNE purchased a new Montego MX, then he and his wife, RUSTY, drove to Florida, "to put mileage on the car," they said. Chicago was a chilly 35 degrees when they left, but on arriving at St. Petersburg the temperature was an enjoyable 85. While in Florida, Ed somehow acquired 22 pounds of "good living" around the middle. But with all the work in the office that was so anxiously waiting for him, he'll lose these pounds in a very short time...ROD DAUGHERTY, Specifications, enjoyed a family reunion in St. Louis, Missouri. He took his children to the top of the Arch and visited the Annheuser-Busch farm where the Clydesdale horses are kept. With the weather so beautiful, it's no wonder Rod had such a good time...ED AHLBRAND, Specifications, spent a week's vacation enjoying his mother's company in Seymour, Illinois...There's no generation gap in the MAGUIRE household, to be sure. Grandma and Grandpa MAGUIRE (FRANK MAGUIRE of Specifications) munched on pretzels and potato chips while they were babysitting with their grandchildren in Palos Hills, Illinois. And where were BARBARA and LARRY, Frank and ANN's daughter and son-in-law? They were taking it easy in Las Vegas. Can anyone think of a better babysitter than Frank? Of course not! But you're not sitting in your chair so straight now, Frank. To ease the job of babysitting, Frank and Ann were surprised with the safe return of their daughter JUDY's husband, ALLEN, from Viet Nam. The Maguire's also spent a few days with another daughter, MARY ANN, in Sterling, Illinois...How can one paint a fence while the snow is falling, hailstones beating on the fence, and the rain causing puddles in one's shoes? G. P. MIKOTA, assistant superintendent of Stores, pondered this question in his mind while on vacation. He had hopes of finishing all his outdoor painting. However, he did manage to do some chores indoors, so the week wasn't a total loss...Who was that going down the Dan Ryan expressway the other day? It was CATHY CLOUGH and her husband, HARRY, in their new 1971 Maverick. Cathy has started driving again after seven years. Men, turn in your drivers licenses--PLEASE! That's okay if everyone does, because there will be more room on the road, and she'll need every bit of it...After a busy four-week vacation, BOB PIEPER has returned to the daily grind in the Stores Department, General Office. How fast time goes. Bob drove to California where the sights he saw were out of this world (no - not hotpants). One such amazement was his view of over 200 deer grazing in a field. Among his many activities were: salmon fishing—he caught four of them, weighing 12-15 pounds each (not bad for the first time); a trip to Puget Sound, and climbing a ski lift at Mt. Ranier. His friendly companion on this trip was Nemo Aswad, his Scottish terrier. While Bob kept himself pretty busy on his vacation, Nemo caught up on some rest. At one point of Bob's trip, a fox on the side of the road caught his eye, but not Nemo's. The quick brown fox did not jump over the lazy dog, because he was too busy sleeping on the back seat of Bob's car! That's a dog's life, I guess. It was also apparent that Bob took in some sun. That glow couldn't have come from the fluorescent lights in the office...GERRY POCES, South Shops, is on vacation for three weeks. He's going to take in some fishing in Minnesota. We'll tell you in the next issue just how many fish he caught...WILLIAM McGOVERN accomplished some painting around the house while on his vacation, and ZIGGY MARTIN is taking a tour--AGAIN--of Back Yard, Illinois. Also, at the South Shops, is DONALD TARNOWSKI who spent a week's vacation washing his car. Want to impress all the lovely ladies, huh?..ROBERT ADLER and his wife bought a new car, a 1971 Pinto, and JOHN W. SPRINGER went to Omaha, Nebraska, with his wife, DOROTHY, to visit their son, JOHN J., who is in the air force. John J. is a career soldier with the rank of technical sergeant, stationed at Offut Air Force Base, which is the SAC command headquarters. While John W. was there, he and his son got a chance to view an air show which was held for Armed Services day, and also did some fishing. And on May 18, John's other son, WEINNAND, a former CTA employe, and his wife, ROSE, became the proud parents of a son, MICHAEL, in San Jose, California. For Weinnand and Rose this is their third son, but for John and Dorothy, this is their 23rd grandchild. And not to be outdone, two more grandchildren are due this summer. John, what can we say?.. PAUL JANKOWSKI, Storeroom 43, has completed signal school. Graduation ceremonies were conducted on May 19 in the CTA board room in the Merchandise Mart. C. E. KEISER, operating manager, presented Paul and the other students with a diploma. Paul wanted to know all the signals, and now he does. By the way, Paul spent his Memorial day weekend with two friends in Spooner, Wisconsin.

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CELEBRATING THEIR golden wedding anniversary on March 28 were HELEN and STOCK COMSTOCK, who were joined by their family and friends at a reception following a morning service at the Central United Methodist church of Skokie. Stock retired as budget supervisor in February, 1966, after 44 years in transit.

# recent deaths

HAROLD G. ANDERSON, 70, West Section,
Emp. 11-24-28, Died 5-8-71
SALVATORE BARBARO, 85, Way & Structures,
Emp. 3-25-27, Died 4-10-71
MICHAEL BARRY, 82, 77th Street,
Emp. 6-22-26, Died 5-21-71
ALBERT O. BROACH, 64, North Avenue,
Emp. 11-14-28, Died 4-12-71
ARTHUR BROSKA, 71, Wilson,
Emp. 9-20-17, Died 4-11-71
MILTON BUCZYNSKI, 58, 52nd Street,
Emp. 6-12-45, Died 6-1-71
EDWARD BURNEIKA, 52, Archer,
Emp. 11-15-45, Died 6-9-71
PHILIP J. CERNEY, 73, 69th Street,
Emp. 5-26-20, Died 5-10-71
CARL O. CHRISTENSEN, 70, North Avenue,
Emp. 3-3-24, Died 4-21-71
MARTIN H. CUNNINGHAM, 69, North Section,
Emp. 10-12-45, Died 5-17-71
JAMES CURRY, 70, 77th Street,
Emp. 11-22-23, Died 5-9-71
JOHN CZERWIEC, 81, Gateman,
Emp. 5-5-26, Died 5-15-71
J. P. D'ANGELO, 77, Forest Glen,
Emp. 5-25-20, Died 4-18-71
EDWARD A. DECKER, 77, North Section,
Emp. 10-14-47, Died 4-19-71
TOBIAS DEVER, 86, Devon,
Emp. 4-9-18, Died 4-23-71
JOHN J. DWYER, 76, Skokie Shops,
Emp. 7-31-11, Died 5-15-71
WILLIAM H. ENGELMANN, 72, North Avenue,
Emp. 10-1-23, Died 5-19-71
GEORGE ERBSTOESSER, 63, West Section,
Emp. 5-15-46, Died 5-16-71
THOMAS FITZGIBBON, 88, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 1-7-11, Died 4-21-71
WAYNE GRIFFIN, 58, West Section,
Emp. 11-26-45, Died 4-30-71
JOHN J. HALLORAN, 76, 77th Street,
Emp. 11-28-13, Died 4-26-71
ALFRED M. HANSEN, 88, North Avenue,
Emp. 2-24-20, Died 3-30-71
JOSEPH J. HEROLD, 70, South Section,
Emp. 2-28-25, Died 5-24-71
MARCELLA HOGAN, 77, West Section,
Emp. 6-22-42, Died 4-29-71
CHARLES J. HOLLAND, 79, 77th Street,
Emp. 4-3-17, Died 4-11-71
KARL V. HOLMQUIST, 81, Elston,
Emp. 7-12-13, Died 4-22-71
GUSTAV G. HYDE, 87, Throop Street,
Emp. 6-16-04, Died 4-14-71
STANLEY F. JAROSZ, 86, Lawndale,
Emp. 10-17-23, Died 5-23-71
AUGUSTA J. KEARIN, 86, West Section,
Emp. 9-10-18, Died 4-18-71
THOMAS F. KEEGAN, 60, 69th Street,
Emp. 11-30-36, Died 4-11-71
FREDERICK KING, 58, North Section,
Emp. 7-9-36, Died 5-12-71
CHARLES KLEMICK, 72, Archer,
Emp. 12-10-26, Died 5-13-71
RICHARD J. KNIGHT, 75, 77th Street,
Emp. 2-17-20, Died 5-8-71
GEORGE M. KYNASTON, 67, 77th Street,
Emp. 3-7-23, Died 4-18-71
HELEN R. LOFTUS, 60, Engineering,
Emp. 11-22-46, Died 4-5-71

The three of them went fishing on Spooner Lake where they caught 21 northern pike. According to Paul, he said it was because of the fantastic lure they had used--a "red-eye wiggler." How tall was she?..In closing, we'd like to say that we hope everyone enjoys themselves over the coming summer months, wherever you go.

*- Cathy Clough & John Gill*

**SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -**

JOHN FITZGERALD, traffic clerk, is sporting a new 1971 air-conditioned LTD...We welcome W. P. DEVEREUX and GEORGE HANUS back to work after convalescing at home...HARRY HIRSCH has decided to try the North Side after living on the South Side...Mr. and Mrs. JOHN URBAN celebrated their 42nd anniversary of wedded bliss on May 11. Many happy returns...JOE DeGRAZIA and his wife drove to Pennsylvania for their vacation and visited with their daughter and family...ED HILL, schedule clerk, is home convalescing after a short stay in the hospital... DAVID JACOBS, schedule clerk, was hospitalized for eye surgery but is now home convalescing. ED JOYCE also had nose surgery...MYRON LEVEE and his wife are vacationing in Wisconsin and will do some fishing...KAY BATINA spent a delightful week in Key Biscayne, Florida, and on Paradise Island, Nassau...RUTH HAVLIK and her sister, MARIE, of the Electrical Department, drove to Washington, D.C., to visit with their sister...W. P. DEVEREUX flew to Chattanooga, Tennessee, to visit with his daughter...The sympathy of the department is extended to HARRY HIRSCH on the death of his grandfather, and to JOE VIOLA on the death of his father-in-law.

*- Kathryn Batina*

**RAPID TRANSIT MAINTENANCE TERMINALS -**

Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to GEORGE MICHAUD, clerk at 61st Street, who is presently in Grant hospital. . . Congratulations to DIANE GRILLAERT, the daughter of GUS GRILLAERT, Congress, who was graduated from St. Anne School of Nursing on June 10. Diane will soon be seen on the floors at Children's Memorial hospital...Our deepest sympathy to GORDON VAN NORMAN, Kimball, and his family on the passing of his mother in North Fond du Lac, Wisconsin...Enjoying the back woods fishing in Wisconsin is how W. McHUGH, Kimball, spent

# among employes

EUGENE A. LOWE, 82, 69th Street,
Emp. 3-23-10, Died 4-14-71
ARNOLD LYDIGSEN, 75, Forest Glen,
Emp. 5-21-18, Died 4-23-71
THOMAS MALONEY, 85, Devon,
Emp. 3-9-18, Died 6-1-71
CHARLES E. MARTIN, 81, West Shops,
Emp. 4-25-23, Died 5-12-71
JAMES McGARRITY, 60, Schedule & Traffic,
Emp. 5-17-54, Died 6-9-71
JOHN MILTON, 90, Lawndale,
Emp. 12-2-05, Died 4-24-71
JOSEPH M. MIZERIS, 80, Archer,
Emp. 4-23-20, Died 3-28-71
WILLIAM MORRIS, 24, North Park,
Emp. 12-27-67, Died 5-31-71
JAMES J. NAUGHTON, 85, Lawndale,
Emp. 7-28-11, Died 4-11-71
DAVID W. NEIL, 60, North Park,
Emp. 9-15-45, Died 6-22-71
JOSEPH NIMKAVAGE, 67, South Shops,
Emp. 9-14-43, Died 4-23-71
GEORGE R. PAYTON, 74, Beverly,
Emp. 3-17-24, Died 5-26-71
JOHN T. PHILPOTT, 80, Central District,
Emp. 6-28-16, Died 5-13-71
JOSEPH J. POPP, 71, 77th Street,
Emp. 5-1-23, Died 5-16-71
JAMES REIDY, 92, Lawndale,
Emp. 11-16-07, Died 4-24-71
FRANK E. RICHARDSON, 80, West Section,
Emp. 6-19-19, Died 6-1-71
JAMES RUANE, 84, Kedzie,
Emp. 12-9-25, Died 4-11-71
PAUL N. SCHILLE, 69, South Section,
Emp. 9-25-22, Died 4-12-71
MARTIN F. SCHROEDER, 78, North Avenue,
Emp. 7-26-27, Died 5-24-71
ALFRED R. SCHULTZ, 73, Kedzie,
Emp. 11-8-26, Died 5-17-71
ROBERT SERVER, 53, Beverly,
Emp. 9-20-45, Died 5-29-71
NICHOLAS C. SIMMONS, 78, Devon,
Emp. 3-12-28, Died 4-8-71
LOUIS SMITH, 78, Accounting,
Emp. 8-24-20, Died 4-20-71
ANTON H. SOMMER, 88, Lincoln,
Emp. 11-19-09, Died 3-20-71
JACENTY STARTEK, 85, West Section,
Emp. 6-7-41, Died 3-9-71
ADAM V. STROHMENGER, 81, South Section,
Emp. 4-13-09, Died 5-21-71
ANASTASIA O. THOMS, 69, North Section,
Emp. 12-19-40, Died 5-13-71
PETER J. TIESER, 73, Archer,
Emp. 5-9-23, Died 5-16-71
EDWARD TORMEY, 53, South Section,
Emp. 6-21-46, Died 6-21-71
JOHN TRIYONIS, 57, Beverly,
Emp. 1-21-47, Died 6-9-71
OLIVER D. TYLER, 58, 77th Street,
Emp. 6-4-45, Died 5-24-71
JOSEPH VALAUSKAS, 83, Kedzie,
Emp. 8-28-18, Died 4-20-71
MICHAEL WALSH, 64, Building,
Emp. 10-24-29, Died 5-10-71
ROBERT E. WHITE, 79, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 1-13-12, Died 4-28-71
FRANK ZABRAN, 90, West Section,
Emp. 5-29-24, Died 3-31-71

his vacation...A trip to the old sod was a good vacation for F. PAYNE, Kimball...The sights and sounds of the city comprised a vacation enjoyed by M. RUSSIN, Kimball... Best of luck to D. KILPATRICK, former repairman at Congress, who went into the air-conditioning business in Florida...Congratulations to Pensioner RALPH DANIELSON who won another award at the Compex Stamp Exhibition held at the LaSalle hotel on May 28, 29 and 30...Condolences to C. HASLAM, Congress, and his family on the passing of his mother on June 1...Our sympathy to J. CANNELLA, Congress, and his family on the passing of an uncle on May 31...Chores around the house and practicing golf shots is how J. CANNELLA, S. RITA, M. COYLE, and F. BENANTI of Congress spent their vacations. Back at work after a "do this" and "do that" type of vacation are M. COYLE, L. STEWART, T. FRIEND, C. DANSBY, Q. BONDS, and J. CAMPBELL of Dan Ryan...C. B. BROWN is quite at home as the night repairer at Dan Ryan...GEORGE NICHOLSON, Dan Ryan, is still talking about the big celebration held in Gary after Mayor Hatcher's re-election...A junior division of weight-watchers is going on between B. THORNTON and Q. BONDS. Thornton tips the scale at 185 while Bonds has no comment...A hearty welcome to new car servicemen F. SOSNOWSKI, Linden, M. PAYNE, and K. CALT, Howard...Enjoying a trip through Minnesota is the way M. BUCHANAN, Wilson, spent his vacation...Casting for the big ones is the way H. LOOMIS, Wilson, spent his vacation in Wisconsin...Ball games, golfing, and family outings were vacations for R. COLLINS, T. MITCHELL, H. TURNER, J. COLLINS, J. HUNT, D. MASON, N. BENSON, C. CARPENTER, J. KINKINS, B. SMITH, J. ORANGE, and W. BRIGHT of Wilson.

*- Ray Brzeczek*

**SKOKIE SHOPS -**

JOHN MILAS, carpenter, and his wife, JEAN, are the proud grandparents of a baby boy born on May 4 weighing 6 pounds 8 ounces. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES MALCHIODI...JAMES WELTON, electrical worker, and his wife were very proud parents at the wedding of their son, JAMES CHARLES WELTON, to CAROL ANN LUSZOWIAK on May 1 at 5:00 p.m. at St. Williams Catholic church...ROBERT H. WINTHER, Research and Development, enjoyed a week of vacation catching up with a few odds and ends. At the office we call it a "honey do" vacation...DAVE GURWICH, retired material clerk and one of

the first reporters for the CTA magazine, and his wife, ANNE, will celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary and Dave's 75th birthday some time in July. Sharing the Gurwich's happiness will be their two sons and their families, and their daughter and her family. The affair will take place again this year at the Flying Carpet motel in Rosemont, Illinois. Also, Dave's youngest grandson received his degree in pharmacy in June...GEORGE KIMMSKE, carpenter, and his wife, FRANCES, were a very proud couple when they were presented the bronze pin for 1,750 hours donated to the West Side Veterans hospital helping the boys who served our country in time of war. Only one man and three women received this award. Since January 1, 1970, George has donated 2,400 hours, and Frances has donated 2,300 hours. Many teenagers offer their services, as much as 250 hours after school. They are all to be congratulated for their unselfishness and consideration of others. Keep up the good work...CASIMIR JOZEFIAK, painter, and his wife, FELICIA, are the proud grandparents of a 6 pound 11 ounce baby boy born on May 12. Their son, THEODORE, and his wife are very happy as this is their first child... Skokie Shops has challenged the South Shops to a championship 1971 game at our picnic on July 24 at Northwestern Park woods. This will be an added attraction to our many other activities on that day. This is a first, so let's all come out and cheer our heroes. Call Skokie Shops for tickets, $3.00 per family, which includes games, races, pony rides, door prizes, refreshments (bring your own pitcher), and dancing in the evening...GEORGE O'NEILL told us of the success of the Northwest Italian American society's first St. Joseph day table in which 4,000 people participated. Donations totaling $2,000 were used for charitable work and all remaining food was sent to Techny and Divine Word seminaries and St. Joseph Home for the Aged. Those interested in joining the group can see George for details.

*- Everett E. England*

**SOUTH SECTION -**

Let's all pull for our own Division 308 softball team which is playing in the Grant Park Industrial League for a first place win this year. The team is managed by North Section Clerk ERVIN HARMON, and coached by South Section Motorman JOE RAYBURN. They play every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in Plumber's field in Grant Park. How about going out to a game and giving them your moral support. Come on, fellas, let's win! . . Congratulations to Switchman HAROLD DeCUIR who was appointed yard foreman on May 16...Welcome to Superintendent EDWARD HEATTER who is finally back working on the South Section. He was scheduled to be here January 1, but was working in the General Office in place of JAMES BLAA, superintendent of Rapid Transit Operations, who was on the sick list for a few months. Glad to hear that Mr. Blaa is back to work, too...The Agents Pension Club held their spring dinner on April 25 in a new place called the Fiddler's Inn. The restaurant was terrific, we had a swell room, and the food was delicious (family style). We all thought the new place was wonderful. GEORGE RILEY, superintendent of operating stations, attended and we enjoyed having him and his lovely wife with us. Among the "youthful" pensioners present were: Agents MARY CARSON, GRACE WEBER, CECELIA MORAN, HAZEL DUNN, SARAH McEVOY, and KAREN FRIDDLE, Retired Motorman JERRY HANAFIN, Retired Yard Foreman JOHN LEMKE, Retired Supervisor

BEAMING HAPPILY after repeating their marriage vows are Mr. and Mrs. BRIAN W. ROONEY who were united in holy matrimony on May 29 at Holy Trinity church, Bloomington, Illinois. Brian is the son of WILLIAM ROONEY, assistant superintendent, Kimball Station.

BOB BROWN, Retired Towerman PAT HICKEY, Retired International Vice-president PAT GANLEY, Retired Division 308 Board Member CHARLES BURNS, and many, many more. Everyone had a good time...Some of our people who were on the sick list are back to work and we were all glad to see them: Motormen JOSEPH GRIFFIN and LAWRENCE MAY, and Janitor HENRY HARRIS...Yard Foreman WALLACE BROWN decided to take an early retirement and took his pension on May 1. We were all sorry to see him go, but we hope he has many years of enjoyable and healthy retirement. He and his wife are planning to reside in Riverdale, Michigan...Received a nice card from Retired Conductor EDWARD HOPKINS from Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he was relaxing and loafing around in the sun for a few weeks...Welcome back to Agent RALPHENA NEAL who was recently re-hired, and "hi" to newly-hired Agents MARY COTTEN, JOAN BROOKS, OLIVIA THOMPSON, and ERSIE FOSTER...Congratulations to Agent THOMAS HAYMORE who was appointed clerk on the North Section, April 18...Received a card from Retired Conductor WILLIAM HUNNIFORD who was vacationing in Roswell, New Mexico. He says the weather was real warm and the countryside beautiful...Conductor JAMES GREEN was smiling from ear to ear when he told us about little SHERYL LYNN who made her entrance into this world on June 4. This makes two girls for the happy Green family...Our part-time conductors have returned for the summer once more: KEITH JACOBI, JOHN GLENNON, CARL DAVIS, ROBERT JARVIS, CHARLES WILLIAMS, PHILIP WHITE, and WILLIAM STALLWORTH...You didn't know, but Chief Clerk JIM MARTINEK is a ballerina with costume, wig, and all. The men's club of his church, Immaculate Conception, put on some skits for a women's club on Mother's day and Jim was a ballerina. He said they had a lot of fun putting on these skits and the women got a kick out of it...On the sick list as of this writing are: Motorman FRED GRONEMEYER, who was in the hospital for an operation but is home now recuperating nicely; our 61st Street midnight clerk, WILBERT SIMPSON; Work Train Conductor THOMAS SCHWARZ, and Motorman MYRON WOODS. Let's hope that all of you will be back to work real, real soon...Two of our pensioners passed away recently: Switchman ADAM STRONMENGER in Phoenix, Arizona, and Switchman JOSEPH HEROLD here in Chicago. Our sincere condolences to their families...Assistant Station Superintendent JOE TVRDIK is spending a three-week vacation in Canada. His postcard came from Lake Louise and Victoria Glacier in the Canadian Rockies. He said the scenery at Lake Louise

WEDDING BELLS rang on March 9 for this happy bride and groom, HARRY and CATHY CLOUGH. The bride is the former CATHY RASCHICK of Purchasing, Specification and Stores Department and a Transit News reporter.

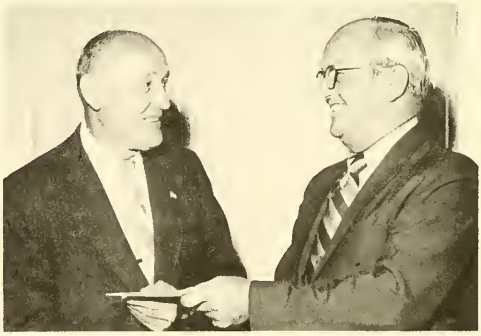
was just beautiful. . . North Section Motorman GEORGE VANDERHAGEN just returned recently from Arizona where he visited with Mr. and Mrs. PAT FLATLEY, retired North Section Motorman in Tucson, and also Retired North Section Conductor FRED BECK in Phoenix. He said he had a wonderful trip.

*- Verna Hartney*

**SOUTH SHOPS -**

Best wishes go out to LARRY VANCE on his recent retirement. . . Good luck to ROBERT AVRAM on his new position as money handler at Archer...Good luck to WILLIE PICKETT on his promotion as garage clerk...Our prayers go out to Mrs. RUTH CLARK, the wife of GEORGE J. CLARK, superintendent of Shops & Equipment, who is in Billings hospital. Mrs. Clark, we wish you a speedy recovery...It's great to see J. J. REPPLINGER, superintendent of Surface System Shops & Garages, back to work after a brief illness...A speedy recovery goes out to TONY VIHNANEK, Technical Services Division, who is now home recuperating from an operation...Congratulations to FRANK VENEZIA who left the Technical Services Division and succeeded RALPH MARTZ as equipment engineer of the Equipment Research and Development Department. Mr. Martz retired from CTA on April 30, and a dinner party was given in his honor at the M&M Club...Let's roll out the welcome mat for JOHN LIPKA, technical services engineer, who departed from the Equipment Research and Development Department to a promotion as technical services engineer with the Technical Services Division...Congratulations to BILL KELLY on his recent promotion as supervisor of material handlers...Congratulations to ALBERT SUMA, Dynamometer Laboratory, who became a grandfather for the first time when his daughter, SUSAN JASINSKI, gave birth to an 8 pound 2 ounce baby girl, JENNIFER, who was born on Mother's day, May 9...A warm welcome is extended to our new co-op student, KEVIN FLEMING, who will be working in Technical Services Division. A temporary farewell to JOHN CERVENIK, co-op student in Technical Services Division, who will be leaving us soon to resume his engineering studies at Bradley university in Peoria, Illinois...ANTONE SHIMKUS, 77th Street Garage, the brother of STANKEY SHIMKUS, bus and truck mechanic in Bay 6, landed a muskie 37 inches long weighing 13½ pounds over the Memorial day weekend up in northern Wisconsin...Congratulations to TONY SALKAS, electrician, whose twin sons were graduated from Brother Rice High school with honors and awarded scholarships to the University of Illinois Circle Campus...Our congratulations to LARRY E. AGIN, blacksmith, who moved into his new home recently. . . JOE SOWIZRAL, Blacksmith Shop foreman, spent a weekend in New Jersey...Congratulations to JOE PERRY who became a journeyman while on vacation...Our deepest sympathy is extended to JERRY PAVEL, bus and truck mechanic, on the loss of his granddaughter...A speedy recovery is extended to JUDGE FUNCHES and LEON GRIFFITH, electricians, on their injuries...TODD BERNARD is his name, May 11 is the day he came, 7 pounds 10 ounces is what he weighed, and these are the folks with whom he will stay--BERNIE and JOE KIVLEHAN, Area 318...Congratulations to "Big" MIKE, laborer, on his new car which he says he is having a heck of a time driving because his two year old son constantly keeps saying, "Let me drive, daddy."..Congratulations to the winners of the South Shops picnic raffle held this month. First prize was won by EDDY NESTOR of Bay 6, second prize was won by MAURICE O'CONNOR, welder, Area 312, and third prize was won by ROBERT AVRAM, South Shops office...The South Shops softball team manager, HARRY HOLLENDONER, states that they got off to a booming start this year with their bright green and white uniforms. The team is playing very well considering it's a new team (smile fellows). They are playing .500 ball. They have won one game and lost one. Harry tells me the team will finish in first place. Well, fellows, we are pulling for you all the way. Let's get some of these injured star ball players back in the line-up...Congratulations to DAVID DREY, the son of GEORGE and ELEANOR DREY, on his marriage to Miss E. ROSAMUND HOWELLS of Belton, England. After attending the wedding of their son, George and Eleanor visited Scotland, France, Switzerland, Austria, and Germany. It was an exciting and informative trip. The best part, of course, was a visit with the bride's family...Congratulations to E. J. WILSON, L. GRIFFITH, W. ALBRECHT, and H. MURRY on their completion of CTA's Signal Interlocking school on May 19. The best of luck to all of you...IRVIN and PAULINE KRAULEDIS celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary on May 6 at the Millionaires Club with their sons, PAUL and IRVIN Jr., and daughter-in-law, TERRI...Best of luck goes out to A. FALBO on his retirement after 23 years of service with CTA...Congratulations to NICK K. SIMONETTI, electrical

LOUIS G. KRAMER, garage supervisor, is shown receiving a retirement gift from J. J. REPPLINGER, superintendent of Surface Systems Shops and Garages, when he took his pension on July 1 after 47 years of service.



foreman, on his development of a process for rewinding stators used on bus alternators. Mr. Simonetti's method will save the CTA approximately $12,000 for the year...A warm welcome is extended to MILTON MARDOIAN, new Technical Services engineer with CTA. We would also like to wish a warm welcome to all the temporary summer employes returning this year.

*- Elaine Stewart & Bob Brown*

**WEST SECTION -**

Here we go again after a couple of months of not writing. If you don't read anything next month, blame LOU PAYNE. ..One of the finest fellows on Lake Street took his pension on May 1. BARNEY ROLAND is the guy, and it has been a joy working with him. A greater joy was when we bent a few elbows at Christmas time. So good luck to Barney and his lovely wife and may they have many healthy and happy days together...By this time next month JAMES GORDON will be married. We all wish him and his lovely bride all the happiness in the world...Good news for R. GEHRKE and his family. His son-in-law is home from Viet Nam and his daughter was very glad to have him back. Please don't let your husband smell Gehrke's cigar or he may re-enlist... An embarrassing moment for WALTER FITZGERALD. While standing on his toes trying to reach the emergency switch, he felt a coolness on his legs. Looking down he found that his pants had slipped to his ankles. Meanwhile, all the passengers waiting for the door to open, started to laugh. Fitz usually has a red face, but this time it was tomato red...Happy birthday to the following men: P. KLISIEWIEZ, L. MOORE, B. BENTON, T. BETHANY, J. BRIGHT, R. CHASE, M. LEE, J. DUTKIEWICZ, H. COLEMAN, D. WARREN, A. FLEMING, E. HEARD, S. JONES, T. COOPER, and M. WATSON. Happy birthday to FLORENCE WOODMORE, the wife of GEORGE (Cutey Pie) WOODMORE, who told LOU PAYNE that he bought Florence a polishing rag so she can keep the new car she bought him clean...ART NEWMAN really has religion now, and we found out why. He rides home with DUDASIK every night. We all agreed that anyone would take up religion riding with Steve...Great News! LENARD KUKOWINSKI was elected Division Commander of the AMVETS, and his wife, DOROTHY, was elected president of the Women's Auxiliary. It couldn't happen to two nicer people...Here is a tall tale. AL CLARK received a letter from BYRON HAWLEY, who now lives in California, and he said he shot a 79 at the golf course. It must have been for nine holes...I saw Superintendent ED HEATTER at 95th during the safety award presentation and he sure looked good. JOHN CIMMERER asked if he looked as big as life. No name please said he looked bigger...CHARLES McDERMOTT who broke his wrist when he fell chasing a bus, is now back at work and looking good. BARNEY CHROMZAK broke his shoulder when he fell out of bed. That's right, fell out of bed. He is now back at work a little wiser...MARTHA BROWN, the mother of Supervisor KEN BROWN, was in the hospital for a battery change. She has a heart pacemaker, and this is her third one. Have a speedy recovery, Mrs. Brown. Ken must have taken after you, as he is a wonderful guy. Please don't tell him I said it...My uncle, LUCIANO BERTONE, who has been on pension from CTA for 21 years and is now 86 years old, was in the hospital. He is now home and feeling much better. He is a great tomato grower, but has competition from me, now. He gave me a dozen plants and I promised him mine would be bigger... One of my favorite people was sick in the hospital. She is Mrs. JAMES HOOD who did so much for us at Christmas time. Jim said she is feeling much better now that she is home. As Jim would say, "You all get better, you hear."..Sad news--two of our finest pensioners, WALTER HARRIS and CLARENCE ADAMS, passed away. Our sincere sympathy is extended to their families. Our condolences to Pensioner HARRY HASLAM and L. HASLAM, one of our great switchmen, on the death of their wife and mother... Time for me to go, so all of you enjoy yourselves on your vacations and take it easy. We want you all back to work in great shape.

*- Santo Siciliano & Lou Payne*

MISTAKEN IDENTITY! The two youngsters whose pictures appeared in the May Transit News are the sons of West Section Motorman RONALD and CONSTANCE SENO. JEFFREY is 4½ and RONALD Jr. is nine months.

A RECORD of more than 45 years of service in the Rapid Transit Signal Division drew to a close May 1 with the retirement of Signal Maintainer PETE WEST. Shown here thanking those who attended a retirement party in his honor, Pete is beside Senior Signal Designer PAUL CLEAVER.

**69TH STREET -**

Congratulations to Superintendent CARL W. GIBES on his appointment as assistant superintendent of operating stations. He will be working with a former Cottage Grove man, GEORGE RILEY, a great guy. Our new station superintendent at 69th Street is also a former Cottage Grove man, J. LOGAY, and we know he will do a great job. J. S. PETROSIUS will be the assistant station superintendent. We congratulate them both...ART LIPPHARDT took his pension on July 1 after 47 years of service with CSL and CTA. Starting as a clerk at 77th Street in 1924, he was promoted to chief clerk at 69th Street in 1935, where he remained until his retirement. May you have health and happiness all during your leisure days ahead, Art...Another alumnus of the old Cottage Grove barn is retiring on July 1. He is CHESTER C. KOBS, who had 42 years in transit; including seven on the Elgin streetcars. With CSL and CTA he never had a miss or took even a day off sick. Chester, may you enjoy every minute of your leisure time and it was great working with you...We wish to extend our deepest

sympathy to the families of JAMES McGARRITY and EDWARD BURNEIKA who passed away recently...WALTER MONROE has been the scoutmaster of Troop 764 for eight years, and was honored recently at a recognition dinner in Lake Meadows. Walt's able assistant is DON MINEFEE. Congratulations to both of you for the wonderful job you are doing in training these young boys to become fine young men. Keep up the good work...We extend our sincere condolences to J. DENNESAITES and his family on the passing of his mother...The clerks really moved around on the new pick. J. E. BRAZIL took the place of A. STRICKLAND when he moved up to W. GOURNOE's job after his transfer to Beverly. Also new at 69th is DAVE CARTER who replaced FRANK ROONEY. Frank took over BARNEY BECKER's duties after he took over the chief clerk position. As the clerks say, not a job, but a position. Welcome to all the new clerks and good luck here at 69th Street...I haven't received any cards or notes from any of the fellows on vacation. How about it?..JIMMY AHERN of the repair department says that FRANK VERMAN and MARTY GRIFFIN are enjoying their leisure life...JOE SIMAL, formerly of 69th, now at Beverly is taking his pension after 29 years of service. He plans to visit his mother and family in the East, but will continue to reside here in Chicago. We wish Joe and his wife many happy and healthful years of retirement...As of this writing DENNIS GRIFFIN and WALLY GROCH are in the hospital...CHARLIE WILLIAMS, our night schedule man, was up around Eagle River, Wisconsin, fishing while on his vacation. BENNY BUTKIEWICZ, DENNIS DOUGHERTY, HENRY HOPKINS, and PETER SZAFRANSKI were also on vacations, but have now returned doing what comes naturally...EDDIE RICKER recently took his pension. May he have many years of health and happiness...JIMMY AHERN's daughter, MARGARET AHERN, recently visited England and Ireland where she viewed the conditions in the northern sector of Ireland. She also took in the scenery of her dad's old home town and was proud to know that Jim came from there. Margaret is a senior at Columbia College where she is majoring in journalism... MIKE KEELE and his wife proudly announced the birth of a daughter, MICHELLE ELIZABETH, who was born on April 19...Let's keep the news coming in. Just drop a line or card in the Transit News box...To all the part-time operators we welcome you and advise, drive safely.

*- Arthur P. Buesing*

**77TH STREET -**

Get out the road maps and have the "old buggies" checked out, because it is vacation time again! Let's hear from those of you who will be traveling to various places! HARRY CARTER is planning a trip to the west coast of Africa. He will spend three nights in Dakar, Senegal, and then travel to Goree Island which is only a 20-minute trip by boat from Dakar. For many years Goree Island was a main point of export for the American slave trade. The slave prisons are still intact. Harry will also spend three nights in Abidjan on the Ivory Coast. Enjoy your travels, Harry!..June is also the month for graduations--so congratulations to all the graduates. ADRIAN WHITE, the son of Superivosr J. C. WHITE and a recent graduate of Leo High school, received a teacher's educational scholarship to attend Western Illinois university. Keep up the good work, Adrian. Needless to say, Mr. and Mrs. White are justly proud of their offspring. The best of luck to STEVEN HARRY JAMES, the son of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN W. JAMES, who was graduated on June 18 from Emil G. Hirsch High school. Graduation exercises were held in Orchestra Hall. Steven received the Illinois state scholarship monetary award and the Chicago youth week civic award. He will attend Northern Illinois university. Operator James is bursting with pride because of his son's achievements. No wonder the buttons are missing from his uniform these days. DEBORAH JONES, the daughter of Operator and Mrs. ULYSSES JONES of Robbins, was awarded a scholarship from Moraine Valley Community college of Palos Hills, Illinois, which is sponsored by the Ford Foundation upper division. Deborah is majoring in secretarial science. She received a two-year scholarship to a college of her choice. Good luck, Deborah, in all your future undertakings...News Bits--Ask GANDY how not to make a garden grow. How does RUSSELL stay so happy-go-lucky? What is ROACH doing around the depot on his days off? Is HOOKS planning a comeback as a hoofer? Did anyone tell you about the flying KERRIGANS of District A? Ask BILL sometime and get ready for the blarney. Ask BILL FLYNN about the vet who makes house calls, and what is wrong with his dog Muggsy. CLAIBORNE is bragging about his new baby. Doesn't he realize that his wife gets 95 per cent of the credit? One of the WILLIAMS' of District A went fishing, and after all his plans and preparations, guess what happened. Three days of rain and no fish. He forgot to ask the weatherman to cooperate...We have many operators at 77th Street who graduated from the supervisors training school, so please cooperate and assist them whenever you can. Prove that the men at 77th Street can be number 1 in everything at all times...Sorry to learn that Operator OLIVER CHILES is in Billings hospital, room W500. Please remember him with get well wishes...Operator D. GARLAND is confined in the Osteopathic hospital. Get well wishes to him also...I almost forgot to mention that EARL COOK and some of his friends spent a weekend in Sault Ste. Marie recently. How did you enjoy Canada, brother Cook?..Our condolences to Operator JOHN BRITT and his family in the loss of his father, Mr. LAWRENCE BRITT...Sympathy is also extended to Operator R. J. HOWARD and his family in the passing of his beloved mother... Operator OLIVER TYLER passed away on May 23. Our sincere sympathy to the Tyler family.

*- Elessie Gresham*

WHILE VISITING the Fiji Islands, Transit News Reporter CLARA LAWRENCE of Payroll Accounting (right) and her brother, The Reverend IVER LAWRENCE (second from left), were surprised to meet RICHARD and ROSALIE GOLDSTEIN, assistant superintendent, Schedule Division, Schedule-Traffic Department, and posed for this photo in front of the Fijian hotel.

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Michael Cafferty
Chairman

TO ALL EMPLOYEES:

My visits throughout the CTA have enabled me to meet many of you. I am more convinced than ever of my good fortune in being with you.

As an official of the U.S. Department of Transportation, I was very much aware of the CTA through its reputation for performance and also for the top quality of its employees. Those impressions are now replaced by first hand knowledge.

In order that the CTA can continue to maintain and improve as an organization, I want to make certain that each employee has the opportunity to develop to his full potential. The Job Posting System and the many training programs that we have, have been very good in helping to accomplish this objective.

There is another program at CTA that I would like to see utilized more than it has been. That is our Tuition Aid Plan, which provides financial assistance for college training and vocational schools to the individual employee to help him or her improve their ability to do their job.

Any employee desiring to participate in this program should obtain an Application for Tuition Aid from his supervisor. You have my assurance that it will be promptly processed.

Your comments and suggestions on how we can improve the CTA will be appreciated by me.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Cafferty
Chairman

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# New Bus Route, Two Extensions Announced

## *100 Jeffery Manor Limited*

OPERATING BETWEEN the Jeffery Manor area and the 95/Dan Ryan transit center starting Monday, September 13, the new 100 Jeffery Manor Limited is the latest bus route added to CTA's system since the opening of the Dan Ryan rapid transit extension.

Bus service on the new route will initially be provided Mondays through Fridays from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The new route provides direct service between the Dan Ryan rapid transit and the Jeffery Manor area, operating via 95th street to a loop in Jeffery Manor via Yates avenue, 100th street, Van Vlissingen road, Jeffery avenue, and 95th street in the A.M. rush. During the P.M. rush the direction of the loop within Jeffery Manor is reversed. Buses operate non-stop between Cottage Grove and Michigan avenues.

By transferring to the high-speed Dan Ryan rapid transit, passengers not only have the benefit of riding modern air-conditioned trains to the Loop, they also realize a savings of 10 to 15 minutes over any other routing.

## *50 North Damen*

SERVICE ON the 50 North Damen bus route was resumed from Blue Island avenue to 35th street during rush hours on weekdays only, starting September 13, to provide connections with 50A South Damen buses at 35th street.

Weekday rush hour connecting service between the 50 and 50A bus routes was started in September, 1966, and was discontinued in November, 1969, when the Damen avenue bridge between 27th and 33rd streets was closed for reconstruction.

Eleven A.M. rush period trips are operated between 6:35 a.m. and 9:34 a.m. at 12- to 20-minute intervals. Seventeen P.M. trips operate between 2:29 p.m. and 6:54 p.m. at 15- to 20-minute intervals. Generally, every other bus operates to 35th street.

Buses operate south in Damen to 34th street, west in 34th to Hoyne avenue, south in Hoyne to 35th street, east in 35th to Damen avenue and north in Damen. Saturday and Sunday service will continue to terminate at Blue Island avenue.

## *52 Laramie*

EXTENDED TO serve the Cicero avenue entrance of the Congress-Milwaukee rapid transit station beginning Monday, September 13, was the 57 Laramie bus route.

Instead of terminating on the south at Lavergne avenue and Flournoy street, buses operate over the same route to Lavergne avenue and Harrison street, and then continue east in Harrison street to Cicero avenue, south in Cicero avenue to Flournoy street, west in Flournoy street to Laramie avenue, and then north in Laramie avenue over the regular route.

Persons transferring between the Laramie buses and the rapid transit have the advantage of using the full-time Cicero entrance to the station rather than the part-time auxiliary entrance at Lavergne. In addition, this extension of service provides a direct connection for persons transferring between Laramie buses and southbound Cicero buses.

**OUR COVER:** Chicago's lake front festival, August 14th through 22nd, drew crowds daily to the Chicago river, where they stood along its edge and on bridges to see feats being performed in the water. The festival was preceded by a parade as well as the appearance of a sailship in the river--the presence of which recalled events of the past century when merchant ships sailed the Chicago river at a snail's pace on days when not even a breeze prevailed. Needless to say, bridges remained open for long periods and transit service suffered dearly while horse cars were switched back and riders sought other means of entering the Loop.

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# ESC Award Winners Named For Second Quarter of 1971

STEPPING INTO the spotlight as second quarter winners of the Employe Safety Contest (ESC) were three Shops and Equipment Department locations that showed up their competition.

The newly-developed ESC, which was started during the first quarter of 1971, gives recognition to men at work locations that achieve the best safety performance during each quarter. Three separate competitions match locations performing similar work against each other--the 12 surface garages, 11 rapid transit maintenance terminals, and two main shops. The quarterly winner in each group is the location with the lowest number of injuries per one million man-hours worked.

Pictured here are the second quarter award winners, Limits (top) in the surface garage competition with a frequency rate of zero, Dan Ryan (center) in the rapid transit terminal competition with a zero rate, and South Shops (bottom) in the shops competition with a frequency rate of 91.8.

Combined Service of 123 Years

# Three from Accounting Department Take Pensions

TAKING THEIR pensions August 1 were three Accounting Department employes whose combined service totals 123 years: Herbert Rohde with over 46 years, Raymond Schramm with over 45 years, and Michael Verdonck with over 30 years of service.

Mr. Rohde joined the Surface Lines as an office boy on August 25, 1924, and two months later became a payroll clerk. He subsequently served as assistant voucher clerk starting in 1926, invoice and voucher clerk in 1929, and supervisor of social security records in 1937. When the use of data processing equipment was started by CSL in 1942, Mr. Rohde became supervisor of IBM operations. At the time of his retirement, he was serving as supervisor of the tabulating machine section, the position which he has held since 1958.

Mr. Schramm entered the service of the Chicago Motor Coach on September 14, 1925, serving first as a mileage clerk and then as register clerk, payroll clerk, and accounting clerk. He became a voucher clerk in September, 1935, and while serving in that capacity he also performed duties as a part time bus operator during the World War II manpower shortage. Following the purchase of CMC by CTA, he was named assistant supervisor of the voucher section in 1953, assistant supervisor of accounts payable in 1954, and finally supervisor of accounts payable in October, 1955, the position which he held until his retirement.

Mr. Verdonck joined the CSL as a streetcar motorman on June 10, 1941, assigned to the Division carbarn. Leaving the Transportation Department to enter the accounting field in 1945, he served first as junior assistant voucher clerk. He subsequently became bill clerk II in 1951, bill clerk III in 1969, and bill clerk IV in 1965, the position he held until retirement.

Friends and co-workers attended an open house to extend their best wishes to the three new retirees. Among those who wished them well was Peter J. Meinardi (second from left), manager of finance, who is pictured here with (from left) Mr. Rohde, Mr. Schramm, and Mr. Verdonck.

## Second Quarter Winners Accept ISC Awards

OPERATING EMPLOYES at Lawndale and Congress Stations recently accepted plaques for their second quarter achievements in the Interstation Safety Contest. Making the presentations was Superintendent of Operating Stations George A. Riley.

Lawndale, which closed out the quarter with a point score of 67.24, won the surface system competition and missed the 75.00 perfect score by less than eight points.

Congress won the rapid transit competition with a perfect score of 75.00. This is the tenth time Congress Station has won an ISC award.

System-wide, accidents for the first half of 1971 are down 669 as compared with the same period of 1970--CTA's safest year.

LAWNDALE

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# Medically Speaking

## by Dr. George H. Irwin

**ACUTE APPENDICITIS** was the topic of a talk I gave on WGN radio in 1931, from which part of this following article is taken.

Fred Jones, a young Chicago attorney was suddenly awakened at 3 a.m. on August 1, 1888, by severe pains in the abdomen. This was most unusual, as he was a man of regular habits, previous good health, and only 32 years of age. Naturally, his wife was greatly frightened at this most unfortunate turn so she called the doctor to come at once.

Mr. Jones probably had acute appendicitis and while the good doctor did not recognize the exact nature of the disease at once, it was not strange, for this happened only two years after Dr. Reginal Fitz of Boston described appendicitis, as such, for the first time in history. One year later, the first successful operation for appendicitis was performed.

It is very difficult to get comparable statistics on appendicitis 50 years ago and now. One reason is that in the early days people actually had appendicitis but the usual diagnosis was inflammation of the bowels. Improved medical research and early proper diagnosis has corrected this problem.

Everyone should be interested in knowing something about appendicitis, because it is a disease which afflicts people of all ages, but particularly young male adults. If you do not become the victim of this disorder, some member of your family or a friend usually does. With proper knowledge and understanding of this ailment, you may help to save a life by getting proper and early medical attention.

To illustrate the importance and also the progress or improvement in the care of appendicitis, the following statistics are cited. In 1930 about 18,000 deaths from appendicitis were recorded in the United States. In 1960, around 5,000 were reported.

The appendix is a blind pouch, finger-shaped, located in the lower right quadrant of the abdomen near the junction of the small and large bowels. In rare instances the appendix may be abnormally placed.

The direct cause of appendicitis is a bacterial infection but there are other factors which favor its development. Hanging as a blind pouch at the lower end of the large intestine, one may readily understand why the appendix is an ideal loafing spot for bacteria, foreign bodies, such as pins, seeds, etc. Like the adenoids, it is composed of lymphoid or spongy tissue, which makes it an inviting harbor for bacteria. Drainage of the appendix is often interfered with by twisting or kinking of the organ, which is often a contributing factor in the development of appendicitis.

In general, it has been thought that the appendix had no definite known function. In the past year or two, some medical work done in Europe emphasized the high prevalence of previous appendectomy in patients suffering from cancer of the colon and rectum. The theory of the article was that the appendix might be related to the immunity of bowel cancer. Follow-up work indicates nothing conclusive about the relationship of appendectomy cancer.

The characteristic symptoms of acute appendicitis are abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, mild fever, tenderness over lower right quadrant, and increased white blood count. Pain in varying forms is not only the first symptom to appear, but is the only symptom present in all cases. At first it acts like an ordinary stomach-ache. Later it leaves the stomach region and is localized to the lower right quadrant. It is estimated that nausea is present in about 50 per cent of all cases, vomiting in approximately 75 per cent of the cases, and an increase in the white blood cell count is present in about 80 per cent of the cases. Thus it is seen that appendicitis may be present in atypical or unusual instances without nausea, vomiting, or increased blood count. The fact that it may imitate so many other abdominal conditions such as acute indigestion, ulcer, gall stones, kidney stones, female disorders, diverticulitis, etc., makes the correct diagnosis difficult at times. It seems natural for many people with abdominal pains to blame it on something they ate the day before. So they take a laxative or enema. Some relief follows and they feel recovery is on the way. But in the next day or two the misery comes back. The doctor is called and a ruptured appendix is found. Because of all the conditions just mentioned in this paragraph, it should be perfectly clear why acute appendicitis is really a treacherous disease.

The treatment of acute appendicitis is fairly well agreed upon by medical authorities. Early surgery is the answer. Improved medical knowledge, modern laboratory tests, including X-ray examination, have helped in the early and correct diagnosis. This has resulted in more surgical cures. Intravenous feedings and penicillin hasten recovery in the operative cases. The mortality rate is now less than 1 per cent.

In conclusion, a safe plan to follow in cases of abdominal pain lasting more than a few hours is to call your family doctor. Never wait until the second or third day. Do not take a laxative. Appendectomy, done early, can be considered an operation which is not dangerous but also gives the best results.

## Supervisory Changes Affect Accounting, Transportation Departments

TAKING NEW supervisory posts recently were seven CTA employees named in bulletins announcing their appointments and organizational changes within the Accounting and Transportation Departments.

In bulletins issued by Manager of Finance P. J. Meinardi, the following Accounting Department changes became effective August 1: operations of the Computer and Tabulating Sections were combined and placed under the supervision of D. J. Proffitt, operations of the Material & Supplies and Accounts Payable Sections were combined and placed under the supervision of T. F. McGrath, and J. J. Gingras became responsible for the Methods & Procedures Department.

Named to new posts at surface operating stations by Superintendent of Transportation D. M. Flynn, effective September 1, were North Park Station Superintendent A. C. Johnson, Forest Glen Assistant Station Superintendent V. L. Johnson, North Park & Forest Glen Relief Station Superintendent W. R. Parnum, and North Avenue Senior Station Instructor J. D. Brogan. Their appointments were approved by Operating Manager C. E. Keiser.

## *Pensioners Note . . .*

## New Riding Card Pictures Being Taken for 1972

RETIRED CTA employees interested in receiving their 1972 riding cards must come to one of two surface operating stations to have a new photograph taken, according to the Reproduction Services Department.

The special identification camera will be set up from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the following locations on the dates shown:

ARCHER STATION - 2600 W. Pershing road
Wednesday, October 6
Thursday, October 7
Friday, October 8

NORTH AVENUE STATION - 4801 W. North avenue
Monday, October 11
Tuesday, October 12
Wednesday, October 13

To identify yourself, bring your present CTA riding card. No photographs will be taken at the Merchandise Mart offices.

## Suggestion Plan Announces New $10 Award

FOUR SUGGESTERS whose ideas were accepted during the month of July were the first to be offered a new $10 gift certificate as an award. The new $10 Jewel/Osco/Turnstyle gift certificate replaces the $7 certificate which has been offered to each employee whose suggestion was adopted since 1965.

Suggesters still have the option of selecting either the gift certificate or a Zippo lighter/tape rule set.

Named by the Executive Decision Committee of the Employee Suggestion Plan as award winners were two General Office employees, Regina Daren of Medical and John P. Phillips of Office Services, a North Section rapid transit employee, James Schumpp, and a Utility Department employee, Walter Wangero.

For having two suggestions adopted during July, Mrs. Daren was also presented a $25 cash award and given a second choice of an incentive award.

### RECENT CTA ADDITIONS TO THE ARMED FORCES

BYNDOM, L. D., Operator, Kedzie
JOHNSON, L. A., Serviceman, Beverly
PARENTE, D. A., Repairer, Beverly

### RECENTLY RETURNED

COSTLEY, L. J. Jr., Repairer, Limits
HOOKS, W. O., Ticket Agent, West Section
HOWE, K., Serviceman, North Avenue
LAMPKIN, C. T., Operator, 69th Street
MADECK, D. F., Operator, Forest Glen
MARINA, J. H., Serviceman, 77th Street
MARTIN, D. H., Operator, Keeler
MEANS, J., Serviceman, 69th Street
MONTGOMERY, L., Operator, Beverly
PRICE, L. J. Jr., Operator, 69th Street
ROSE, W. R., Repairer, Keeler
RYAN, T. J., Service Attendant I, Stores
SALONE, M. R., Serviceman, Forest Glen
SPIEGEL, A. R., Operator, Keeler
WILKINS, E., Operator, 77th Street

# THE INSIDE NEWS

## AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**ACCOUNTING (General) -**

JUNE NOREN has some nice photos that show some of the highlights of her vacation. She was met at the airport in Colorado Springs by her nephew and family. Her nephew is a dentist stationed at the Air Force Academy. They toured the Academy, Garden of Gods, and the Royal Gorge. At the gorge they rode on the incline railway, an aerial tramway 1,200 feet above the Arkansas river, and also drove over the famous suspension bridge. From there she went on to Seattle where her niece, JUDY ANN, and her family met her and drove to their home on the lake about 20 miles north of Everett, Washington. June, her niece, and her niece's husband and friends went salmon fishing off the coast of Westport, Washington, where they caught three large salmon...The welcome mat was extended to VICTORIA LEPEK who returned to us as a comptometer operator on July 7. Many of the employes still remember Victoria, as she had worked in the department about 14 years ago... Congratulations are in order for GENEVIEVE WRIGHT who filled the clerk IV position in the Billing Section, and also congratulations to BEATRICE FRANKE on her taking the position of clerk II in the Billing Section...MARY ALICE CLEARY went to visit her daughter and family in Stockton, California, arriving on Friday, June 18. On the 19th she was able to see her grandson play in the little league, and on the 20th she saw beautiful San Francisco and the Marine World. On Monday the 21st her son-in-law, who is a roofer by trade, slipped 24 feet off a steep roof, with nothing to hold on to, and injured his back and broke his right foot. At the present time he is home and doing very well. Mary Alice was thankful that she was there, because she minded the grandchildren while her daughter went to the hospital... We had an unexpected visitor in this office when ANN LYONS was in Chicago to attend the funeral of a nephew. A dinner was planned by some of her former co-workers and the evening with Ann was enjoyed by all...FRANCES HADDIX went to visit relatives in Southeastern, Missouri. She stopped in Hannibal, Missouri, to see the Mark Twain Museum and the Meramec Caverns. She then went on to St. Louis, Missouri...We were sorry to hear that PAT BOLSINGER, formerly of Accounting, is in Evanston hospital recovering from surgery. We hope her recovery will be speedy. LORRAINE McEVILLY, also a former Accounting employe, is in St. Francis hospital, Evanston. We wish her well...Three veterans of many years' service with the CTA and predecessor companies retired on August 1. They are HERBERT ROHDE with 46 years of service, RAYMOND SCHRAMM with 45 years of service, and MICHAEL VERDONCK with 30 years of service. Each man was feted separately at luncheons and then on Thursday, July 29, there was an open house held and many people attended to honor them. Besides the many employes who participated in their sendoff, there were many retirees who sent their contributions and greetings to make their retirement a great success. Among them were William Dentamaro, John Geary, George Triunfol, Betty Suhr, Grace Johnson, Charles W. Meyer, Lawrence J. Francoeur (former General Accountant), Edward C. Kaross, Edward C. Burke, Eleanor Browne, William R. Williams, Antoinette O'Brien, A. J. Fitzsimons (former General Accountant), Arthur C. Mueller, W. S. Comstock, A. E. Krimblebine, Mabel Pottthast, Leon Salisbury, George Pellicore, and Lydia Haemker, a number of whom came in person to the party. We want to thank all these people as well as many others, for making this party the success it was. I am sure it will be long remembered by these faithful men...We understand that A. J. FITZSIMONS, retired general accountant, is active in senior citizen circles. He is treasurer of the Young at Heart Senior Citizens of Elmwood Park. This is a new organization that was started in March and now has a membership of 225 persons who are all busy arranging tours and activities for the group.

*- Jeanne Fitzgerald*

**(Tabulating) -**

PAULINE MANGINO returned to work after her vacation sporting a lovely tan. No need to go elsewhere when one has a pool in the back yard...ERMA POINTER spent part of her vacation acquainting her two young sons with the delights of Chicago, which included, of course, a wonderful amusement park. They also took a trip to Flint, Michigan, which was most enjoyable...CLARENCE BUTHMAN spent a delightful week in and about Springdale, Missouri. He reports that the swimming was great...ROBERT RISE has joined the motoring public and is "merry Oldsmobiling" around and hunting for parking places like all the rest of us. His vacation was spent partly in good old Chicago and partly in Grand Rapids, Michigan, renewing old friendships...EMIL RUSINAK spent his week's vacation doing chores around the house which included painting. Congratulations are offered to Emil and his family who have welcomed a grandson, JEFFREY RICHARD RUSINAK. Jeffrey's father, GARY RUSINAK, works in the Track Department.

*- Evelyn Leu*

**(Payroll) -**

Mr. and Mrs. STANLEY MAILUCK, Payroll Accounting, seem to be fond of that Southern hospitality, for they made another short trip to historic Stone Mountain Memorial Park near Atlanta, Georgia. It is a very fascinating and educational area filled with the history of our country. There are many relics of the Civil War, and a steam train that takes passengers for an hour ride, during which time there is a hold-up and a passenger is chased through the train by an Indian. An old steamboat, the General Robert E. Lee, also takes passengers for a relaxing boat trip. The Mailucks took a city bus tour of Atlanta, Georgia, and stopped at the grave of Dr. Martin Luther King. If your vacation plans need a boost, just ask Mr. Mailuck; he can give you many suggestions for interesting places to visit... DOROTHY NYCZAK and her husband, GEORGE, and their children, GREG and SHARON, returned to their favorite summer place, Saddle Lake Island, Michigan, to enjoy swimming, boating, fishing, and some bowling. Dorothy's mother spent the first weekend with them, and then took off for California. Fishing was excellent in Saddle Lake this year, and George caught several three-pound bass, some of which are still in the deep freeze and will be enjoyed at a later date. While on vacation the Nyczaks celebrated their

15th wedding anniversary by spending the day in scenic Deer Forest and then having dinner in a quaint Italian restaurant. Congratulations!..JOANNE STASI and her husband, FRANK, spent some time in Spring Grove, Illinois, getting the summer home ready for the season...The BIZIK twins, JEAN and JACKIE, enjoyed their vacation in the country visiting their aunt, going to the races, and, of course, part of the time was spent at the farm near Fox Lake, Illinois, where they keep their horses. Incidentally, we may have some interesting news about their horses one of these days...ART JOHNSON, one of our Payroll pensioners, while up north on his annual visit from Florida, stopped in to say hello to his old gang. It certainly was good to see him, too.

*- Clara Lawrence*

**BEVERLY -**

Your co-reporter, AMOS FOSTER, and his family is fresh back to work from a two-week vacation and "ready like Freddy." We didn't go out of the city, but we did have visitors from Cleveland, Ohio, and Oglethorpe, Georgia. My sister, NELLIE WILLIAMS, my brother-in-law, TRUMAN WILSON, and his pretty wife, LUCILLE, were here and we had a ball...Operator E. L. (The Big One) SCOTT wanted me to retract what I had said about him in the last issue about old men being mean. I refused, so he moved out of my neighborhood. The next week he came crying to me that someone had relieved him of his shiny new Bonneville...L. SCOTT, no relation to the big one, took a trip to St. Louis, Missouri, and really had his share of bad luck. While there his car broke down and he had to fly home. When he arrived home, to his dismay he found that burglars had moved him out--ripped off everything, color TV and all...Operator RAY HELM also went to St. Louis on his vacation...Old checker playing BANKS has gone on vacation, too. He didn't say where, so we will have to wait until his return to find out...Now for some good news. CAROLYN REED, the daughter of Operator and Mrs. MALDWIN J. REED, was graduated from Jones Commerical High school with scholastic and attendance honors. She also received the top award in advanced business machines, the subject in which she majored. Carolyn also has plans for an August wedding to JOE JOHNSON of St. Louis, Missouri. Good luck to you, Carolyn, in all your endeavors...HELENE WEATHERS, the daughter of Operator GEORGE WEATHERS, was graduated from Thornton Township High school in Harvey, Illinois, and will make her debut as a debutante with the Elites of Phoenix, Illinois. Helene has plans to enter Chicago State Teachers college in the fall.

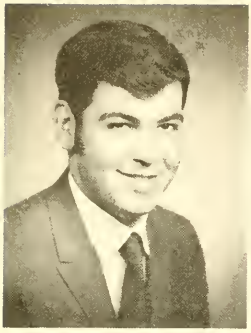
*- Tom Daniels & Amos Foster*

**CTA POLICE -**

The most notable event in our department since the last issue was the retirement of ARTHUR F. STAHL, our superintendent for the last four years. A retirement party was held for Mr. Stahl at Binyon's restaurant on Plymouth court. F. C. KNAUTZ, superintendent of Public and Employe Relations, was master of ceremonies and those who were there enjoyed his entertaining and humorous remarks. N. N. GRAVER, who is now acting superintendent, presented Mr. Stahl with a savings bond from the CTA Police. Also attending Mr. Stahl's party were: Transit Board Member WALLACE JOHNSON, General Manager T. B.

THIS PRETTY young lady is HELENE WEATHERS, the daughter of Beverly Operator and Mrs. GEORGE WEATHERS, who recently made her debut with the Elites of Phoenix, Illinois. Helene will enter Chicago State Teachers college in the fall.

O'CONNOR, Chief ROBERT MILLER, Lieutenants LOHSE and OSTERBERGER, Sergeants MOKSTAD and FIDANZE, and Detectives RINI and WALLACE. Speaking of our present bosses, Mr. Stahl said that there wasn't anyone more loyal and devoted to the CTA Police Department than Mr. Graver and Chief Miller. Have a happy and pleasant retirement, Mr. Stahl...Retired Sergeant JOHN McGRATH has been visiting with relatives in County Waterford, Ireland, and will remain there until September...Retired Officer L. L. SMITH stopped to chat with CTA officers on detail at Addison-Sheffield for the ball game break. Smittie says the muskie fishing is great at Winter, Wisconsin... Sergeant CHARLIE BERGLUND came back from Minnesota with 35 pounds of fish filets...JAY JONAS is going to Los Angeles for his vacation, and will also be fishing for sailfish off Catalina Island...FRANK and MARGARET INGRASSIA will travel to St. Paul, Minnesota, for a visit with Frank's brother, CHARLES, who is a patrolman for the local police department...Among those who chose to take it easy around home during vacation time were: ED GARNER, DALE POTTER, BRUCE DAVIS, STEVE IPPOLITO, and BILL McKENZIE. Steve expects, during his time off, that his son will come up from Miami with his grandson, THOMAS, age 1, whom Steve hasn't seen yet. Bill McKenzie finished a course in law enforcement at Thornton Community college in Harvey...IVAN KASSER was in Miami for a few days visiting relatives...Sergeant TOM and MARY SULZER are going to Washington, D.C., where they will visit their son, TOM Jr., who is in intelligence work in the Pentagon...Stenographer LORRAINE DOUGHERTY has left us to take up family life. Lorraine and her husband, RICHARD, are going to be parents shortly. Richard hopes the baby will be a boy, and Lorraine hopes the baby will be healthy...MIKE and ANNETTE LEE LONERGAN became parents of a baby girl, ANITA, in April. The Lonergans will be going to Niagara Falls and vicinity on their vacation...A local utility company has come out with a slogan, "We're all in it together." What else is new? Around here it's been called CTA Teamwork all along. Lately, for example, on a train at 40th and Indiana, some teasing between two passengers led to a serious stabbing. Conductor R. NORINGTON kept the doors closed while Motorman B. MANNS notified the line supervisor. JOHN HIGENS and ED GARNER on the Beverly Unit, were the first on the scene, arrested the offender, recovered the weapon, and did what they could to aid the victim. Superintendent GRAVER was very pleased with this arrest, as it was a fine bit of police work by these two officers...On a Dan Ryan train, Conduc-



THIS YOUNG man is TONY BRUNO Jr., the son of North Park Operator TONY BRUNO, who was graduated from Holy Cross High school on June 5 and has enrolled at Wright Junior college.

tor HERMAN YOUNG had his changer and money taken by a strong-arm robber. Motorman J. BRENNAN called the line supervisor for help and kept the train outside the 69th Street Station until police arrived. ED GARNER on the 63rd Yard Unit, and JOHN HIGENS on the Archer Unit, responded and arrested the offender...On a bus at Kedzie and Van Buren, Operator WILLIAM GAY was being beaten by a teenager who was about as big as two adults. Acting Supervisor CARL HICKMAN, working a District "C" radio car, saw this and radioed for help. JOHN FIRLINGER, on the Blue Island Unit, overheard Hickman's call and responded immediately. John was first on the scene and made the arrest. Cooperation and alert use of the CTA radio by both Hickman and Firlinger resulted in a good arrest. Most important, Operator Gay was not seriously hurt...And it can happen while you're working the shops, too. During the early morning hours, your scribe was making a pull from the Wilson Tower when he observed a hippie individual spray-painting slogans all over the Wilson platform. CHESTER MAZURKIEWICZ, on the Limits Unit, arrived in short order for the assist...Credits for arrests that make the CTA lines a better place to travel and work follow. The totals for the 6th and 7th periods are combined. May 16 to July 10 is covered with the number of adult arrests in ( ). Assaults On Passengers/Employes: GENUTIS (2), SCHNEIDER, LAATSCH (1), OSTERBERGER (1), HIGENS, GARNER (1), LaFOLLETTE (1). Pickpockets, Jackrollers, Jostlings: LONERGAN, NAIF (1), LEAHY, MARTINIAK (4), COLLINS (1), INGRASSIA, FIRLINGER, NAIF (1), THOMAS (1), BUTLER, SCHNEIDER, LAATSCH (5), BUTLER, WALLACE (3), MARTINIAK, WIZNIEWSKI (2), BUTLER, WIZNIEWSKI, WALLACE (1), GENUTIS (3), GARNER (1), KRETZ (1), McELROY, MARTINIAK (1), McELROY (2), DAVIS (1), JAQUEST (1), CONSENTINO (1), HIGENS (1), KRETZ, GARNER, INGRASSIA, NAIF (1). Robbery: INGRASSIA, SPATARO (1), VOGT (2). Weapons arrests: LEAHY, KUSCH, MAZURKIEWICZ (1), HIGENS, DAVIS (1). Narcotics arrests: LEAHY, MARTINIAK (1), BERGLUND, JAQUEST (1). Sex offense arrests: LEAHY, MARTINIAK (1), THOMAS (1), BUTLER, MARTINIAK, LAATSCH (2). Congratulations to all these men for doing their job and doing it well!..As of the middle of July, our department's application for law enforcement assistance grants for several projects was in Springfield awaiting approval and action. Also, we are due to get new squad cars, eventually. When they arrive, let's all take extra care not to handle them in an unnecessarily rough way. No one likes being a gopher--go for service, go for repairs, etc...Superintendent GRAVER is working on a system for promotions that will be based mainly on written exams... September brings the start of classes in law enforcement and police administration at Loop College, U. of I. Chicago Circle Campus, and other schools. Education stimulates the mind and improves the student as a person. The office will make every effort to accomodate your work schedule with your class hours. The CTA has a tuition refund plan for job related courses. See Superintendent Graver for details and to make arrangements. Veterans should be aware of the many school benefits under the GI bill...PAUL WALLACE, BILL McKENZIE, and BOB NAIF have all been taking college police courses on their own time. GEORGE BONESS and JIM LaFOLLETTE will be attending the ten-week police course at the Chicago Police Academy from September 13 to November 19...Happy birthday greetings for July go out to: LOHSE (10th), SPATARO (19th), PARKS (29th), and BARRETT (31st)...When you have something of interest, do your scribe a favor and send him a note at the office. Or if the man on the board isn't too busy, ask him to leave a note.

*- Timothy O'Mahony*

**ELECTRICAL (Blue Island) -**

Vacations have started and lucky ROBERT MUNSON won a trip to Miami. He also took an added week and went on a Caribbean cruise. WALTER BARBOUR and his wife, ALVERNIA, also went on a Caribbean tour. Walter looks like he put on about 10 pounds. He said that the food aboard ship was terrific...TED WYNCOTT spent a week in Bull Shoals, Arkansas. We are still waiting to hear about the "big one" that got away...FRED LUNDIE has just returned from a five-week tour of Russia where he acted as an interpreter for a group. He reported that the Russian people are very friendly, and the Russian Borscht looks good on Fred (about 25 pounds worth)...ART ARDUINI and his wife celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary by having dinner at Jardine's...A happy pensioned life to GILTON QUICK who retired on June 1. He is thinking of moving to Ashboro, North Carolina...A happy retired life is wished also to SAMUEL GAFFEN...TONY ARDUINI has joined us here at Blue Island as the sanitary engineer. He sends his regards to all his friends at Forest Glen, and says he is very happy at Blue Island...JOHN FELHABER became a grandfather for the first time when a son, GREGORY BYRON, was born to his daughter, PATRICIA, and her husband, BYRON LeVAULT. . . BRUNO CZANSTKOWSKI spent a week's vacation in Dallas, Texas...Our deepest sympathy to the family of pensioner JOHN PATRICK WOODS who passed away recently...CLARENCE MALOTTKE sends his regards to all the fellows at Blue Island. He has just settled down and his address is 1360 N.E. 27th terrace, Pompano Beach, Florida 33062...JACK KLIMA's wife locked herself out of her car and along came the "Great Knight", TONY DIBENEDETTO, who recognized her and fished her keys out with a coat hanger.

*- William Rehder*

**(General Office) -**

It's the good old summertime again, and once more the Electrical Department employes are on the move...Signal Draftsman GEORGE MATEJOVSKY and his family had a wonderful vacation at Deer River, Minnesota, even though the fish in Big Moose Lake didn't bite. The family enjoyed many outdoor sports and also visited the Iron Ore Mines at

Masabi. The kids just loved it and, most likely, forgave those unreasonable fish...MARIE HAVLIK, along with her mother and sister, RUTH, Schedule Department, drove to Rockville, Maryland, to visit their sister, BERNICE. They also spent a few days at the Atlantic Sands hotel in Rehoboth, Delaware...BERNADETTE KIZIOR flew to Biscayne, Florida, for a change of pace. After some sightseeing and relaxing, she went to Nassau for a stay on Paradise Island. . . Testing Engineer WALTER MOORE owns a farm in Crivits, Wisconsin, and is now a gentleman farmer. His wife and children are vacationing there this summer and Walter spends his weekends working the good earth. Sounds just great...On July 3, Miss KATHLEEN JACOBS of Mendota, Illinois, became the bride of DONALD KUTZ, the son of Estimator ADOLPH KUTZ. A reception followed the lovely afternoon ceremony.

From Chicago Avenue Shop we received this bit of news from B. M. NIELSEN...Wednesday morning, June 30, was the start of another hot day, but that didn't stop the gang at the shop from having a "coffee and" party for CHARLIE KNUTSON, line foreman, who took his pension on July 1 after 41 years of service. Charlie was presented a wallet as a farewell gift from A. R. SANDBERG, electrical engineer, along with our good wishes for a happy and healthful pensioned life. See you around, Charlie...GARY NOLTE, the son of CHARLIE NOLTE, is home on leave from Grand Fork Air Base, Grand Forks, North Dakota, where he is stationed. According to Charlie, Gary has become very muscular since working for Uncle Sam...Boy oh boy, we have more Charlies around here...BILL MURRAY, lineman, has returned to work after a two-week siege of arthritis in his leg. I guess he had to get well quick for the upcoming marriage of his son, BILL Jr., who is home on leave from duty in the Pentagon. We understand that the bride-to-be is from Joliet where the wedding is to take place... Question--Will the suggestion award DINO FUGGITTI won put him in a higher income bracket? Congratulations, Dino, and keep thinking...On the casualty list are GEORGE COX and DON GRUDECKI. They are convalescing at home and doing fine...On vacations at this time are RALPH TANNHAUSER, BILL MAROSE, JOHN O'SHEA, JOE NASTI, TED NADROWSKI, BOB HORMEL, and PETE GRAF... We hope everyone will have a summer to remember, pleasantly.

*- Kay McAlister*

**(Rapid Transit Signal Division) -**

We're happy to report that JOHN GAY, signal helper, may be returning to work soon. He had a very long illness, the result of an accident in which he was struck by an auto causing a compound fracture of his leg. The severity of the accident had nothing to do with the fact that it was a woman driver. John has been off work nearly 26 weeks. He will see his doctor soon, and is keeping his fingers crossed hoping he will be released to come back to work. The fellows in the department have been very nice to John during his illness, and he wishes to express his sincere thanks to each of them. He says he wouldn't have been able to make it without them. John still maintains a lot of respect for women drivers, and says it's OK if they are on the street, as long as they're not on the same street he's on...BILL (The Gypsy) BAKER is steadily progressing toward complete health. I talked to Bill at the time of this writing, and he sounds good. If I know that man, he's sure to be back in the driver's seat soon...We have three new additions to the Signal Department. They are Signal Helpers R. G. BEDOE, A. J. DiCRISTOFANO, and A. PELUSO. They are all from the recent signal school class, and are now living the good life of a signal technician. Good luck to all of you.

*- Tommie Lowery*

A SECOND birthday is reason enough to be happy, and you can be sure that ALEX MOORE is smiling because he celebrated his on June 8. He is the son of WARNER and ALFREDA MOORE; Warner is a power supervisor in the Electrical Department.

**ENGINEERING -**

Off the top of the list, the entire Engineering Department sends their get well wishes for a very speedy recovery to JACK O'REILLY. We are all kept up to date on his progress by his two daughters, MARY and MAUREEN, who are asked the same questions every day...Good luck to PAT McCARTHY and her family in their new residence. Pat left Skokie and bought a new two-flat in Park Ridge. I hope Pat doesn't become one of those mean landlords now...Our best wishes also go to BILL HUTCHINGS and his family. Bill is the proud owner of a new house in Glenview. Congratulations to the new mortgage holders...Sorry to say that this issue will be my last as a reporter from the Engineering Department. I have jumped a grade and taken a job in the Claim Department, replacing LOIS CRAWLEY who is resigning. It's been wonderful working in the Engineering Department and I can honestly say that I will miss everyone. I've also enjoyed writing for the Transit News, even though it was only for a short time...Oh, a note from my boss, Mr. KALOGERAS--he's looking for a new secretary!..So long.

*- Linda LeMonnier*

**FOREST GLEN -**

Here's hoping all of you had a happy and safe summer. Those of you who are on vacation, please give us a little account of your trip--wherever you went and whatever you did--just drop it in the box by the clerk's window...Operator JOE LA BIANCA went on retirement August 1 and plans to tour the world before he settles down. He loves the Hawaiian Islands, so don't be surprised if he doesn't decide to raise pineapples. Good luck, Joe, in whatever you do... Operator PETER KUTCHEN and his lovely wife are the proud grandparents of a baby boy, PHILLIP EDWARD POLAN, born on June 22 weighing 8 pounds 6 ounces. I was wondering why Peter was walking around with his chest stuck out, now I know why...Operator ART and GRACE WHITEFIELD recently celebrated their 16th wedding anni-

THE HAPPY bride and groom are Mr. and Mrs. CARL COLOMBO who were united in holy matrimony on April 11 at St. Peter Domian church in Bartlett, Illinois. The bride is the former DIERDRE TALBOT, the daughter of ROBERT L. TALBOT, radio telephone operator, Transportation Department.

versary. Art took his lovely bride out for cocktails and dinner, and Grace said it was like a honeymoon again, and is looking forward to their 17th year...Box Puller JOHN VALK and his wife, EVELYN, celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary on July 29 by having dinner at DiLeo's. Boy, John certainly knows how to live it up. This is the first time John has taken Mrs. Valk out, except to McDonalds. While we're still on the subject of John, I would like to mention a little about his vacation. Your scribe and his family dropped in on John and Evelyn at Bass Lake, Wisconsin, and after a few beers and a lovely dinner, John said, "Let's go fishing." Of course he didn't have a motor on his boat, but he was willing to row. After we were in the boat, we took a trip (about 50 yards) which lasted about 30 minutes. Why so long? Well, John rowed every way possible--north, south, east, and west. When we did stop, John got out his gear--no worms. Of course, he was supposed to have everything needed for fishing. Hooks? I believe we used pins which Mrs. Henry supplied. After about an hour, and no fish, Mrs. Henry rowed in. What a straight line that gal rowed. Time--about two minutes. Now I don't want to say anything about the trip we made to visit his friends, for it's a long story. It was only supposed to be six miles down the road, and believe you me, it was about 26 miles. All in all, we really had a good time even though I have to send Evelyn my bill for my car fender. Anyway, there are no two finer people anywhere. We all had a wonderful time...JOHN (Super Mix) JIMENEZ made his golfing debut at the CTA golf outing and beat his partner, Supervisor HANK ZIOLKOWSKI... Our new chief clerk as of August 1 will be none other than BILL PINASCO, a gentleman I have had the pleasure of working with for many years. Welcome, Bill, it took a long time, but you are finally here...Operator TOM MEAGHER and his wife and son also vacationed up in the North Woods. Tom is a pretty good fisherman if he can keep his glasses up over his nose. I also found out that he can get his line pretty well mixed up. Maybe too many sips of Schlitz? How about it, buddy? ..Operator SAM ISON went south for his vacation. With that new car, Sam really lived it up in those southern towns... JOHN MAHNKE is heading west with his family. We will hear from them later...DeMAYO had a little time off due to a back problem. I wonder if it was because he went from a bus to that new Buick?..R. EVARTS and his wife went Northeast for their vacation, but found no fish...C. PANTOS had a little time off and enjoyed himself in Back Yard, U.S.A. Mrs. Pantos wasn't feeling well, and Christ says the rest was greatly needed...GARRITY was recently seen standing on a corner near Harlem and Foster. Irish, wasn't the place open?..W. BARRON is down in Florida living it up in those $60 a day hotels...W. DEMBOS will be taking his pension in the near future and plans to do a little traveling before settling down...E. HAMMOND--no news since you rode the fire engine. No action anymore?..DURFEE was in his new Buick the other day. His wife drove him to work...CLIFF LAST had a ball in Canada, but got lonesome for his family and cut his vacation short and returned home...On July 18 a party was given for WILLIAM HENRY on his 11th birthday. He was supposed to invite 12 young guests, but only 19 out of 12 showed up. Yours truly just doesn't seem to understand this new math...Remember good will on the street, men. Do take time and wait for the passengers; try curbing the bus and bring in the back end. Without the public, we wouldn't have a job...If you have any money problems, see our friendly credit union. It's also a good place to save...We bid Chief Clerk FREDDIE MEYERS farewell. Fred took his pension on August 1 after more than 47 years of service. May God be with you throughout your retirement...This has been a time of good cheer for the JOHN MAHNKE family. His son, Specialist 5 WAYNE MAHNKE, is home on leave after having served two years in Germany. He will be stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, for at least another year. His family will be able to see him occasionally as he will probably be driving back to Chicago in that new car he bought in Germany. John's other son, ROGER, was graduated on June 8 from Farnsworth Grammar school. He will enter Taft High school in the fall.

- *W. A. Henry* (Don't call me Wilbur)

**GENERAL OFFICE (Employment) -**

Congratulations to SUSAN HOLZER, steno, who became Mrs. GEORGE HOLZMEISTER on July 17 at St. Philomena's church. A reception was held at Lyons hall, and the happy couple honeymooned at Eagle River, Wisconsin... LOIS MOLLENKAMP, clerk-typist, together with her girlfriend, drove through Florida taking in such sights as the Kennedy Space Center and absorbing the sun for three beautiful weeks...A hearty welcome is extended to SHAUN McNAMARA and KAREN LAMONT who have returned for the summer. The welcome mat was also extended to MARY CASTRO, clerk-typist, who is now a permanent employe.

**(Employe Relations) -**

We welcome to the department File Clerks RONALD TUCEK, GERALDINE TAPLING, DENISE RACKY, and BOB BAXA. Also joining the ranks of CTA was WILLIAM WIEHER, job analyst...ROGER TORBIK drove to Florida on a three-week vacation with his family...JERRY McMANAMON enjoyed a two-week vacation during July which took him to the East Coast. Traveling by air and rail he visited Dayton and Cleveland, Ohio, then Philadelphia, New York, Boston and Niagara Falls. Niagara Falls? Yes, there's a train running there too and a crew even invited Jerry on board the electric locomotive while they were switching cars.

**(Law) -**

The welcome mat was extended to THOMAS McGOVERN, messenger, who formerly was a collector at Limits Station. Also joining the department was JAMES MULLEN, the son of Attorney FRANK MULLEN...Pensioner JAMES A. MAHONEY and his wife flew to Ireland for a month's rest.

**(Treasury) -**

Our deepest sympathy is extended to ROBERT TUMA on the death of his mother...JAMES VERTELKA, bond clerk, spent his vacation in Wisconsin with his family...ROD HEFFERNAN, assistant to the treasurer, with his wife and family, drove their new station wagon to Wisconsin on vacation.

**(Insurance) -**

MARY LABUS, clerk-typist, together with her mother and EVERETT ENGLAND, Skokie Shops, and his wife, flew to Germany, Switzerland, Austria, and Italy. They rented a Mercedes and toured the country for three weeks...TERRY MNICHOWICZ, former hospitalization clerk, paid a visit to the department with her husband, LEE, and newborn baby, CHERYL...MARJORIE HOLMES, hospital clerk II, flew to New York City where she took in some of the Broadway plays and visited the Playboy club which she enjoyed immensely...PATRICIA AUGDAHL, hospital clerk II, and her son flew to California where they visited Disneyland and Knotts Berry Farm...ANN GOLDING, insurance clerk III, was elected 1971-72 americanism chairman for the Department of Illinois Ladies Auxiliary, VFW, while attending the convention in Chicago on June 20.

**(Public Information) -**

BOB MICHALCZEWSKI took a week's vacation to pack with his family who are moving to Cicero. Good luck!..The bright little brown-eyed ray of sunshine that was being passed from arm to arm in our office last month was little TIONNA CHARMAINE, the 3½ month old granddaughter of MEL ALEXANDER, who with her mother, MICHELE, and uncle, EUGENE, came to visit...We welcome back TIM NAVIN for the summer months...Congratulations to KATHLEEN MOSER, the daughter of WILLIAM MOSER, North Avenue Station superintendent, who officially announced her engagement to JOHN LaBAHN. She is wearing a beautiful "eye-catching" diamond ring that reflects the sparkle in her eye when she tells of their wedding plans for May, 1972.

**(Medical) -**

WANTED: old used smoking pipes, any size, shape, or color. It seems now that HARRY SOREGHEN's raven-haired beauty, "Heidi", has taken up smoking a pipe. Anyone wishing to donate a pipe, please send it to Harry in care of the Medical Department...MARY LEDWITH, RN, spent a two-week vacation browsing in and around Chicago taking in the scenic spots.

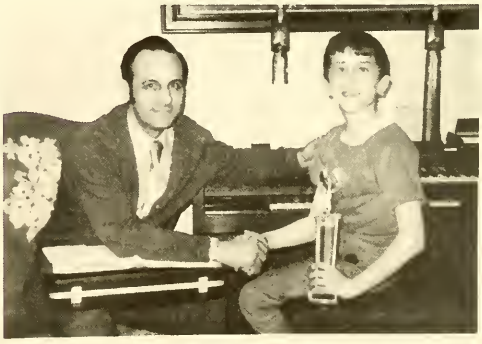
**(Training & Accident Prevention) -**

ARTHUR G. HUBACZ, ET 3/C, the son of ARTHUR and BERNICE HUBACZ, left Great Lakes Naval Training Station for a two-year tour of duty at Hickam Field, Hawaii. We wish him the best of luck. The Polish Legion of American Veterans held their State Convention on July 16, 17, and 18, at the Sheraton-Waukegan Motor Inn in Waukegan, Illinois. Art is the chairman, and this is his last big program before retiring as State Commander of the Polish Legion of American Veterans...JO FELDMAN is at home recuperating from a serious eye operation. She is feeling fine, and all her friends at CTA wish her a speedy recovery...LEONARD and JULIA LOHN celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary recently. Best wishes to them and here's hoping there will be many more anniversaries... BETH FORD, the 9 year old daughter of BERNIE and EDNA FORD, recently won an essay contest on happiness, sponsored by a Northwest Side neighborhood newspaper; Beth received two tickets to a Second City children's theater performance...ERV HARRIS, director of training for the Rainbow Dog Training Club, traveled to Ann Arbor, Michigan, July 10 and 11, to attend a dog training clinic...BURT BOSAN and his family camped at Starved Rock State Park for a few days. While they were there, would you believe it, Burt got lost looking for Lover's Leap, and a search party had to be organized to look for Burt--Junior, that is. ..MARIE CLINE successfully passed her driver's test--so watch out, BILL, you had better take the car keys with you.

**(Research & Planning) -**

R/P has added two new members to its family for the summer months. They are HARRIETTE HERMAN and MICHAEL GROVAK. Also joining R/P is DAVID LEVITIN, who will be working as a temporary trainee while completing his dissertation for a master's degree at Northwestern university...Speaking of families, R/P is not the only one that is getting larger. RON LUCZAK and his wife, SALLY, welcomed little SUSAN ELIZABETH, weighing 7 pounds 8 ounces, to their family on May 29. Also, on July 2 BILL and DIANE GOODWIN became the proud parents of DENISE MARIE, who weighed in at 5 pounds 15 ounces. Everyone in the office was trying to guess whether it would be a boy or girl, and WALLY PASZYNA and MARY ELLEN RUSS are still arguing over who owes who on a bet they made. Congratulations to the happy parents from all of us...BOB SCHAGEMAN spent his week's vacation improving on his golf game, and enjoying being home with the family. Bob also says his daughter, LIL, completed her driver's training and now he's worried that they'll have to draw straws to see who gets to drive the Torino. Good luck, Bob... NORM OSWALD and his family spent a few days vacationing is Wisconsin. They enjoyed touring such sights as the Mid-Continent Railway Museum, relaxing on a boat trip through the Dells, and watching the legendary Indian ceremonies and celebrations...The Boston area was the destination of DAVE PHILLIPS during his week of vacation. He visited the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority and brought back with him a whole packet of information from his tour of their facilities. Dave also visited with his folks

A REAL inspiration to those who are handicapped is DANIEL GREENE, the son of GRANT GREENE, shopman II, Skokie Shops. Donny, who is blind, was the first place winner of the elementary B group in the Illinois Music Association State Olympic contest for his organ solo. Playing the organ since October, 1970, he is pictured here being congratulated by his music teacher, A. VALVO, while holding his prize trophy.



# NEW PENSIONERS

JOSEPH ARNONE, Bus Repairer,
Campaign Area, Emp. 9-1-41
THERESA BARRY, Clerk II,
Stores, Emp. 6-1-48
ALBERT J. BOLING, Car Serviceman,
Congress, Emp. 1-17-51
EDMOND B. BOWLER, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 1-12-42
FRANK E. BUGARIS, Bus Serviceman,
Archer, Emp. 7-4-37
MARTIN F. CAREY, Clerk,
Archer, Emp. 8-17-36
EDGAR L. COATES, Asst. to Supt.
Purchasing, Emp. 9-2-26
VITO COSTANTINO, Laborer,
Engineering, Emp. 5-23-29
PATRICK J. COTTER, Car Serviceman,
Congress, Emp. 11-6-45
MICHAEL DWYER, Bus Serviceman,
69th Street, Emp. 11-4-42
MICHAEL J. EGAN, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 12-8-43
SAMUEL H. GAFFEN, B Electrician,
Electrical, Emp. 8-26-37
THOMAS B. GAVIN, Switchman,
North Section, Emp. 7-20-27
HENRY W. GOETZ, Supervisor,
District B, Emp. 2-4-36
MATTHEW P. HORAN, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 2-9-37
RALPH J. JOSSI, Lineman,
Electrical, Emp. 3-5-26
ANTON J. KALATA Sr., Operator,
Archer, Emp. 1-11-43
JOSEPH LaBIANCA, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 1-5-27
STEVE N. LOCIY, Ironworker Helper,
Engineering, Emp. 11-16-30
JIMMIE LOCKE, Motor Blower,
Wilson Shops, Emp. 1-15-51
PATRICK F. McCAHILL, Car Repairman B,
Wilson Shops, Emp. 8-13-51
FRED MEYERS, Chief Clerk,
Forest Glen, Emp. 8-2-23
THEODORE C. MIX, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 5-15-29
FRANK R. NEISIUS, Janitor,
North Park, Emp. 8-13-45
BERNARD I. O'BRIEN, Conductor,
West Section, Emp. 4-23-26
DANIEL O'BRIEN, Bus Repairer,
77th Street, Emp. 2-20-29
MICHAEL V. O'MALLEY, Car Repairman B,
Wilson Shops, Emp. 9-7-44
FRANK W. PINTA, Towerman,
South Section, Emp. 8-23-45
HERBERT E. ROHDE, Supv., Tabulating Machine Section,
Accounting, Emp. 8-25-24
RAYMOND J. SCHRAMM, Supv., Accounts Payable,
Accounting, Emp. 7-14-06

B. I. O'BRIEN
45 Years

E. L. COATES
44 Years

R. J. JOSSI
45 Years

J. LaBIANCA
44 Years

V. CONSTANTINO
42 Years

S. N. LOCIY
40 Years

FOR THE six CTAers pictured here, August 1 became an important date - - it was their first day of retirement. Each of the new pensioners had been in the employ of CTA and predecessor companies for more than 40 years.

JOSEPH S. SCHUR, Bus Repairer,
Forest Glen, Emp. 2-20-35
GEORGE W. SINGER, Supv. of Money Handlers,
Limits, Emp. 3-1-23
WINFRITH STAFFORD, Motor Blower,
Forest Park, Emp. 5-15-51
RAYMOND H. STRATTON, Information Clerk,
Transportation, Emp. 8-17-37
ROY C. THOMPSON, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 1-12-37
PATRICK TULLY, Bus Repairer,
North Avenue, Emp. 8-4-42
MICHAEL F. VERDONCK, Bill Clerk IV,
Accounting, Emp. 6-10-41

## DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

DALE W. EICH, Machinist,
South Shops, Emp. 12-4-46
EDWIN L. KNIAZ, Machinist,
South Shops, Emp. 12-8-39
WARDER C. MARKS, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 1-7-57
PATSY A. ROSENGARTEN, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 2-13-60
VICTOR V. SZYMKEWICZ, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 7-2-52
THOMAS H. WARREN, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 1-11-54

THERESE P. STANISZEWSKI, the daughter of West Section Switchman EDWARD STANISZEWSKI, was graduated from Loyola university on June 20 where she majored in English literature.

out in Boston which made his stay even brighter. Glad you had a nice time, Dave...JOHN O'CONNOR, along with his wife, LORRAINE, son, DENNIS, and daughter, MAUREEN, (we almost forgot to mention their dog, Queenie) spent their two-week vacation in sunny Arizona. Their 1,800-mile car trip to Phoenix seemed like a breeze because they made it there in 34 hours straight. The O'Connors visited with their relatives and enjoyed the leisure life of bathing in the sun. John and Dennis found the weather great for golfing and could be found every day on the course. As all vacations are, John says theirs was too short...It must have looked as if the country was being invaded when MARY ELLEN RUSS and her friends from CTA stepped off their Delta jet onto the island of Jamaica. They all piled into the cab and headed for the Casa Montego hotel, their home for the week. One of the firsts on their agenda was a tour of the island. Sailing, swimming, visiting the falls of Ochos Rios, and observing the coral reefs and the undersea waters of the Caribbean with a snorkel were some of the many things that kept them busy. Mary Ellen bought many souvenirs, and even brought back a stereo tape player. The volume and sound on the set is really fabulous, but her neighbors wish she was still in Jamaica. Guess they don't appreciate the rock music she likes...GEORGE MACAK, together with his wife, JUNE, and son, CHUCKY, boarded a California Zephyr train destined for Los Angeles to start off on their three-week spree. It was an exciting ride, and George has pictures that show a beautiful view of the mountains and the train making those close curves. In California the Macaks toured Los Angeles, the California coastline, Knotts Berry Farm, the elegant Queen Mary, and, of course, Disneyland. George also stopped off at San Francisco and saw some of the new BART cars. As they say, all good things have to come to an end, so George and family boarded the Santa Fe Super Chief and headed back to good old Chicago.

*- Regina Daren & Eileen Neurauter*

**KEELER -**

Summer is here, fellows, so let's have a safe and happy one...Station Superintendent R. W. CHRISTIAN and Instructor CHARLIE WEYER are very proud these days, due to the fact that the operators at Keeler Station have broken their complaint and commendation par for the month of June. Keep up the good work, fellows, as courtesy does pay... Chief Clerk ELMER RIEDEL will be taking his pension on September 1 after 46 years of faithful service with the company...Enjoying employment anniversary holidays were: Operators HARRIS, July 1; JARECKI, July 5; FREY, July 8; HOLDEN, July 12; WILLIAMS, July 17; GREZLIK, July 22; PATEREK, July 24; O'NEAL, August 5; PERRY, August 5; BANKS, August 6; O'SHEA, August 13; WITT, August 14; WILSON, August 19; DADDEZIO, August 19; CAJDA, August 22; McLOYD, August 24; KARRAS, August 27; JASEK, August 27; SIHWEIL, August 28; VAUGHN, August 29, and JANITO, August 30...Celebrating birthdays during the month of August were: Operators INAI, 3; KRASS, 9; YEAGER, 10; McLOYD, 11; ALLISON, 14; NORTON, 16; KREBS, 16; GRANT, 19; SIMPSON, 20; BROWNING, 22; PERRY, 24; HOCUK, 25; ADWAY, 25, and EDWARDS, 27...Operator CHACHERE entered the Division 241 golf tournament held at St. Andrew's Golf Club with high hopes of taking home the first place prize...Operator GEORGE KARRAS will be vacationing in Superior, Wisconsin, for three weeks of camping and fishing...Relief Clerk R. WITTENBERG will be vacationing in California for two weeks...Operator H. BROWNING is planning a two-week vacation in Pettenwell Wilderness which is located in Wisconsin...Operator W. MOLENDA is also planning a two-week vacation in Wisconsin...Operator F. HOLDEN spent his vacation at home doing a few repairs and improving the landscape...Operator F. BELLINI moved to Arlington Heights while on his vacation. ..Operator P. FOX vacationed in Michigan for a week...Operator C. CUBIE vacationed in Vidalia, Louisiana, for two weeks...Operator J. VAUGHN vacationed in Florida for a week...Operator D. FREY, the tallest man in the station, will be vacationing at Lake Como, Wisconsin. Frey says he hopes the fish won't bite so he can get a good rest... NELLIE GOLDMAN, the wife of Janitor SY GOLDMAN, is now home recuperating after a long illness...Operator and Transit News Scribe ERNEST CARTER and his wife will vacation in Las Vegas and Los Angeles this month...Operator J. HARRIS will spend his vacation at home. He says he will be taking on a second job around the house, fixing up and painting...Operator F. LABERN is working on the anti-pollution program by riding his bicycle to work every day. ..Night Clerk M. BUCKLEY will be a grandfather any day now. His son, TERRANCE, and his wife, CINDY, will be the proud parents...Operator FISHER and his family vacationed in southern Illinois...Operator A. SIHWEIL is the proud father of a baby boy, born on July 6...The Keeler softball team went into the playoffs on July 18 with a 7-0 won-lost record. Keep up the good work, fellows, and bring that first place trophy home to Keeler...Operator C. McLOYD was united in holy matrimony on June 19. Good luck to him and his bride...Operator W. SZYMEL and his wife celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary on June 25...Operator N. ROSSILLE was made a grandpa for the 13th time recently...From the Repair Department we hear that Night Foreman F. SCHMIDT will be vacationing in Lake Geneva for three weeks...Day Foreman B. VANCE vacationed in Minnesota this month...Serviceman L. SAVAGE and his family all celebrated their birthdays in August...That's all, see you next month.

*- Ernest C. Carter*

**LAWNDALE -**

Recently there were two birthday parties held at Lawndale; for our superintendent, JACK MORRIS, and our janitor, EDDIE KAWCZYNSKI. The bakery goods were provided by Mr. Morris' daughter, who Eddie thinks is a won-

derful cook. And guess who showed up for the party among the other guests? Retired Lawndale Clerk EDWARD McDERMOTT. We also had the pleasure of recently seeing Retired Operator GUENTIN and his wife on a shopping spree; Retired Operator EDDIE WISS; Retired Chief Clerk HERBIE BYERS, and Former Operator WILLIAM HALLA, presently of the General Office...Our deepest sympathy to the family of MARTY KARIOLICH on the recent passing of his sister... One of our best friends, Operator LEON MINOR, is presently in Hines V.A. hospital, and we hope he is coming along fine...Just happened to look up the other day, and guess who walked back into our lives, Operator A. POMAR who says that he couldn't do without us. So, fellows, he's back...We welcome back the many college students who worked with us last year, and a hearty welcome to the many who are here for the first time. Enjoy your stay...Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD THOMAS on the recent birth of their son on July 15...Sincerely hope that the many operators and repairmen at Lawndale are enjoying their summer vacations this year, and making it a safe summer, indeed...Birthday greetings are extended to the following this month: J. FORD, E. PRIEST, A. FORMANEK, C. WHITMAN, E. DUFF, P. TALLEY, A. WILLIAMS, A. DICKERSON, J. BELL, E. SZET, V. GILL, M. SPERANDO, E. STRUGALLA, N. LESLEY, S. DAVIS, K. RASHIED, C. PETERSON, J. JOHNSON, R. ARNETTE, G. WOODS, J. MOORE, J. FITZPATRICK, O. TORK, R. SMITH, R. HARGEWOOD, and R. McINTYRE...Well, fellows, that's all for this month. Again I say, let's all think of safety while we're doing our respective jobs. See you next month.

*- James Marshall*

**LIMITS -**

JAIME MORALES, p.m. foreman in the repair department, is planning to repeat the vows of holy matrimony on September 25. The lovely bride-to-be is named MARTHA. The wedding will take place at St. Paul church, Cermak road and Hoyne avenue, with a reception following for a host of friends and relatives. They are planning to tour Mexico on their honeymoon. Congratulations!..Operator STAN DEMGE was united in marriage to BERNICE ROTHCHILD last month. They were married in a civil ceremony with a small reception following for the immediate family. Congratulations!..ANTHONY COLUCCI, the son of Operator COLUCCI, was recently united in marriage to a lovely girl by the name of CINDY. The wedding took place in the Blessed Virgin Mary Maternity church, followed by a reception in the Eagles hall, Byron and Western avenues. Congratulations!..Two men with combined service of 80 years took their pensions last month--Supervisor HENRY GOETZ and Operator JOHN FLOYD. Goetz is planning to live in his beautiful year-round home in Central Wisconsin where his plans call for a lot of fishing and hunting. Floyd is planning to tour Ireland and visit his many friends and relatives there. May you both have a long and healthful pensioned life...Operator BOB PENDLETON and MARTIN HAUTZINGER are now working as box pullers and report that they like their work very much...Supervisor CHARLEY KUSH is planning a wonderful vacation up in northern Michigan and Wisconsin. He is well known for his fine qualities as a fisherman, and always gets his quota of fish...Operator GEORGE ESCOBAR and his family have returned from vacation. They flew to Medellin, Colombia, South America, where they visited his mother and dad who own and operate a coffee plantation. George claims that the best coffee comes from his folks, because it is mountain grown...Our sincerest sympathy to CONRAD JOHNSON, treasurer of the Limits Credit Union, in the death of his brother, ARTHUR.

*- R. S. Benson*

**LOOP -**

Superintendent of Agents and Janitors E. MITCHELL has been transferred from the Kennedy line to the Congress and Douglas lines. He replaced Superintendent R. DeMARIA who took his pension on July 1. J. ZUPKO is the new superintendent on the Kennedy line. Our best wishes to all of them...GRACE MOUNTS and her husband made that trip to Niagara Falls, and really enjoyed the drive in their new Buick...Janitor FRANK CULL enjoyed his vacation in Ohio...Agent DAVE GRAFMAN and his wife spent their vacation in Maryland visiting with their three lovely grandchildren...Agent CECILE THOMAS and her husband will spend their vacation sailing around Lake Michigan in their new boat...Janitor GOVAN plans to take his family to St. Louis and New Orleans to visit with his wife's relatives. ..DOROTHY FORD had a nice restful vacation in and around our own city...Agent BEVERLY PEOPLES and her son will fly to California where they expect to have great fun at Disneyland, Knotts Berry Farm, and the many other places of interest that California has to offer...Agent BILL CUSACK and his daughter never made it to California. They got as far as Joliet, Illinois, and decided to stay there. Bill says they had a great time. Next year, he is planning to go to Ireland, and will go by boat instead of flying. He says it's more romantic that way. The cool breeze, dancing in the moonlight, and lots of pretty girls on deck. Good thinking, Bill...Agents K. McKENNY, V. TOTSCKE, and M. STARZEK are on vacation and will tell us all about it when they return...S. H. GAFFEN, Electrical Department, retired on August 1. Our best wishes are extended to Sam and his wife for a happy and contented retirement life... Agent JUNE BAREKMAN is back from her European trip and says one picture is worth a thousand words. She has promised to show us some of the color slides she took on the journey, and we are really looking forward to this treat...Agent DOROTHY ADLER spent part of her vacation at home enjoying a visit with her daughter who was en route to New York. Dorothy plans to visit her in New York in September, and is eagerly awaiting that time when she hopes to see her third grandchild who is expected in August...MARY VIDAS spent a relaxing day at home, July 13,

DEBORAH FRIEB, winner of the 1967 Division 241 scholarship award, was recently graduated with honors from DePaul university. Deborah, the daughter of North Park Operator W. J. FRIEB, maintained a 3.5 grade average and was on the Dean's list for four years.

as a present from CTA. This was the anniversary of her eighth year with the company...Congratulations to Student Agent EDDIE FERRARO and his bride. Many happy years to both of you...A cheery hello and sincere get-well wishes to DEL HARRINGTON, ELEANOR HASBROUCK, and EARL GILBERT who are still on the sick list...We were very sorry to hear that Agent JULIE MATTRAN's mother is very ill, and would like to express our very best wishes for a quick recovery...It's a pleasure to hear the voice of C. ROPA again when we call the assignment office. We are glad to have you back and hope you will remain in good health. Cecylia has asked us to express her thanks to everyone who remembered her with cards and calls during her recent illness. Thank you, one and all...In closing, we welcome all the new student agents and re-hires, and thank all of you for doing such a good job during the summer months. What would we do without you? Bless you all. Keep smiling.

*- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wirtel*

**MILWAUKEE, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -**

Summer is nearly over and vacations are coming to an end. But wow! What neat vacations some people had. ERNESTINE BELL, MARLYN LYLE, LOUISE BANKS, and VALENTINA SYKES are spending the last two weeks of August touring Europe. They plan to stop in London, Paris, Rome, Geneva, and finally Madrid. Hope they have a great time, and don't forget to tell us about it when they return... MARY HURDLE and her family broke in Mary's new car on her vacation in June. They drove to Detroit, Mississippi, and Louisiana to visit relatives. Mary said they had a great time and that new car of theirs is ready for anything, even the construction-ridden Dan Ryan...EMMA RICHARDSON and her husband, Motorman LEE RICHARDSON, are patiently awaiting the birth of their first child. Best wishes to the future parents. You'll be back to work soon enough, Emma, so enjoy it while you can...Good to see Assignment Agent CECYLIA ROPA back to work after her long illness. Cecylia wishes to thank everyone for the cards and good wishes she received from her co-workers...ELEANOR HASBROUCK and Assignment Agents MIKE TOBIN and JACKIE HOLMES, along with EARL GILBERT, AGATHA CARLSON, and LOUISE DREWS are still sick. Hope to see you all back to work soon...Best wishes for a happy future are extended to DELLA HARRINGTON who has resigned from CTA. We sure are sorry to lose such a good agent and a really kind and wonderful person...Assignment Agent JEWEL HUNT spent her vacation driving to Huntington, Tennessee, with her son in their new car to visit Jewel's mother. Jewel had a restful and wonderful time...Assignment Agent LILLIAN CULLINAN spent her vacation fishing in Wisconsin, and Assignment Agent KAREN DOMINO spent her whole summer dreaming of the time when she will no longer be rockbottom on the seniority list. Winter vacations can be fun too, Karen...On July 1 Superintendent RALPH DeMARIA took his pension. No one deserves a long and happy retirement more than Mr. DeMaria, who gave so many years of dedicated service to this company, and this is our wish for him--longevity, health, and happiness...Good luck to Superintendent EDWARD MITCHELL who took Mr. DeMaria's place as superintendent of agents and janitors, Congress and Douglas Park...Welcome to Jefferson Park to JOHN ZUPKO who replaced Edward Mitchell as superintendent of agents and janitors, Lake and Jefferson Park...Assignment Office Clerk BILL MILLER spent part of his vacation visiting the Lost Sea in Tennessee. Bill said that he and his family had a great time and that he's really looking forward to next summer already... Student Agent CAROLYN CHARLESTON celebrated her birthday on Saturday, July 17. Carolyn would not tell us how old she was, but I'd guess somewhere between 15 and 55...Superintendent J. P. HALLAHAN took his family on a camping trip to the East Coast. Mr. Hallahan said he had a wonderful time, and he returned looking well rested and ready for work. What a way to end a perfect summer!.. Congratulations to Relief Superintendent KEN BROWN who was promoted to senior instructor on the West Section, and to DON LEMM who was made vacation relief station superintendent, surface and rapid. It's nice to see promotions happen to nice people...ARLENE SWANSON plans to take her pension soon. What will Desplaines be like without her? And who will JOHN WOODS have to argue with every morning? Good luck and a lot of happiness, Arlene...Congratulations to MARTHA BLEERS who became a grandmother again to a beautiful baby girl, MARTHA MARY BLEERS...There was an extravagant birthday celebration given by LEROY SINGLETON, proprietor of the Sandpiper Lounge, 80th and Halsted, for Agent DIANE BOYD, and her friend GLORIA WALLER. The party was out of sight and so were Diane and Gloria. JO CAROL HUSTON was among the many CTA employes who attended the affair...Your co-reporter, GRACE MOUNTS, received a visit from her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. RALPH GOODWINE, from Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Grace was really delighted to see them as she hadn't seen them since May, 1967, when she visited with them in Florida. Grace also received a letter from HELEN PALLISTER who formerly had this column. Helen is doing fine and says that her granddaughter, PATTY LYNN PALLISTER, was married to JOSEPH ACHTERFELD on June 26 in St. Robert's church on North Austin. They honeymooned at the Wagon Wheel in Rockton, Illinois, and are now residing in Harwood Heights. Patty's brother, BILL, who is stationed at Chase Field in Beesville, Texas, also attended the wedding. Grace and her husband, CLEMENT, traveled to Niagara Falls, the American and Canadian sides, and then on to Detroit, Michigan, where they visited two nieces before going on to Big Star Lake, Michigan, where Grace's sister has a summer home where Grace really relaxed. They also visited a sister in Holland and South Haven, Michigan. Grace said the falls were beautiful and has hopes of going again when they have more time...Agent J. TAYLOR and his wife left on a three-week vacation to San Antonio, Texas, to visit their daughter and four grandsons. The weather was cloudy most of the time, so it wasn't too hot. They also visited Eagle Pass, Texas, for two days and crossed over the border into Mexico. Mr. Taylor can hardly wait until next year and take his pension and move to San Antonio.

*- Grace Mounts & Katy Moriarty*

**NORTH AVENUE -**

Operator MAX JANOWSKI and his wife, LUCILLE, became grandpa and grandma for the fifth time when their daughter, MARY, welcomed JENNIFER into the family. Clerk BILL PINASCO says he hasn't received any cigars yet...Pensioner JIM (Red) CORBETT and his wife, FRANCES, celebrated their 48th year of wedded bliss. Both are looking fine and we hope they have 48 more. Operator RAY PAKOWSKI and his wife, ROSE, celebrated their 25th anniversary on July 6. Clerk WAYNE MIEDEMA and his wife,

BONNIE, will celebrate their fourth anniversary August 5. On August 14, your scribe and his wife will celebrate their 34th wedding anniversary and will take the whole family, sons, daughters-in-law, and mother, to a nice restaurant for dinner...KENNETH MAKOWSKI, the son of Switchboard Operator ED MAKOWSKI, was home on leave from Alaska until August 9, then reported to Oakland, California, for further training with the army. We pray for his safe return...What well-known instructor tried to save some money when his outboard motor quit? He put the seven gallons of gas into his Volkswagen...A letter from Pensioner BILL ECHOLS tells us that he is feeling pretty good. Pensioner LARS PEARSON and his spouse, ANNA, are enjoying fishing and swimming with their family. Their daughter, son-in-law, and the children are staying with them for a few weeks until they take over their resort. Lars and Anna enjoyed visiting their friends in Chicago, but are glad to be back to the quiet of Mountain Home. I saw Pensioners HAROLD RENNHACK and DAVID McGRATH, and they both send a hello to the gang...Two July 1 pensioners are Operators JENS GUDE and JOSEPH CABAY. Keep in touch, boys, and we wish you the best of everything. On August 1, Operator TED MIX left us. Our very best to you, Ted, and let us hear from you...Three former operators who were on the sick list are DOMINICK NAPOLEON, who is now a sanitary engineer; EDWARD MAKOWSKI, now a telephone operator, and VINCENT GUZNICZAK, a sanitary engineer. Also, Operator THOMAS CARMODY was off sick for four months, and Clerk WAYNE MIEDEMA was laid up...Those who received Courtesy Caravan Club cards for June are: Operators F. TONEY, S. BURTON, I. MUSA, WILLIAM McCOY, WILLIAM NEHLS, BERNARD SCHOLZ, L. WEAVER, and CHESTER CORDEK. They received their awards for exceptional courtesy. RICHARD SCHOLTENS received his for being helpful in recovering a lost article...Operator WALTER SENIOR and his wife journeyed to Birmingham, Alabama, where they stayed for a few days. They left their children there and went on to New Orleans, sightseeing, eating good, and riding the streetcars. A good time was had by all...Operator EDDIE STOKES spent a week's vacation loafing, eating, and taking it easy. The best part of his vacation was the day he caught 50 nice bluegills. He said that the fish were waiting in line to bite his bait. Ask him about it, he is still going around with his chest out...Operator RAY ZIELINSKI and his spouse, ADELINE, vacationed in the southwest. They visited Albuquerque, New Mexico, and El Paso, Texas, where they took a streetcar into Mexico, getting off twice to pass U.S. and Mexican customs. They came back on the same car. The whole trip cost 10¢. They also visited Tombstone, Arizona, and other interesting spots. . . Operator BENJAMIN WITT and his wife, SALLY, spent a week's vacation in Las Vegas. He lost, as usual...Chief Clerk FRED MURBARGER vacationed in New Jersey visiting his sister...Operator HERB JONES and his better half enjoyed a Miami vacation...Operator JOSEPH PELIKAN and his family toured the East Coast. They visited Washington, D.C., Boston, New York, and Niagara Falls, and drove back through Canada...Operator CHARLES LUEPKE and his family spent a few weeks at their summer home in Bowler, Wisconsin. The Indians welcomed Charlie who was made a blood brother a few years ago...I spent two weeks fishing with my old friend, WARREN FULLER, who, years ago, was my conductor with the CSL. He is now a sergeant with the Chicago Police. We fished on the Red Lake Indian Reservation of the Chippewa Indians. It is located 30 miles northwest of Cass Lake, Minnesota. We needed a special permit to fish any of the lakes on the reservation. The fishing was great, and we had the pleasure of giving away fish each day. The U.S. Government is building new homes for all the Indians on the reservations. We caught our limit of large mouth bass, and I also caught some large northern pike, and some bluegills that weighed more than a pound each. I did a lot of fly fishing. When I was spincasting, a northern pike I had on the line for 10 minutes broke my line and I lost my lure--the only one of its kind in my tackle box. I tried five different lures and finally got another strike and brought it to the boat, where my partner netted it. When we got it in the boat, I noticed another lure hooked along the side of the mouth, and to my surprise it was the lure I lost. It was the pike that had broken my line, and was I happy to recover my lure. This was a story for Ripley's "Believe It Or Not." I hope all of you will send us some stories or pictures of your fishing trips...And now to WALTER BLIX and the news from the Inner Sanctum...The following is just a brief, thumbnail report of what some of the fellows did on their vacations. Our p.m. superintendent, WARD CHAMBERLAIN, and his wife had a real vacation. They traveled in those monstrous 747's to Los Angeles, San Francisco, and then on to Hawaii. After another visit to Disneyland, Ward says that it's a place for kids of all ages...While taking over the p.m. superintendent's job, Relief Superintendent ART TABEL and his wife made a three-day trip to New Glarus and Baraboo, Wisconsin. It seems they enjoy themselves no matter where they go...AL (Uncle) ROHDE made several short trips to such places as the neighboring state of Iowa, White Pines State Park in Illinois, and a few more trips to his favorite state of Wisconsin...District Superintendent RAY REIGHARD made Omaha, Nebraska, his destination...BOB (Storyteller) WITTENBERG and his wife headed their new Chrysler up towards Vancouver, British Columbia...BILL PINASCO has been observed carefully studying road maps in hopes that he can land some of those big ones...Instructor MARVIN KOCAR was in such a hurry to try and land a bigger fish than his daughter landed, that he burned out the motor on his boat. Not only does he have a new and bigger motor, but he also found out how a little oil and a "hit with the wood" will make a Volkswagen purr like a kitten. If you have time why not ask him for the formula? We do hope that he gives his wife, PEGGY, a little credit for the idea... Since Token Clerk ART ECKER and Aristotle Onassis both deal with money, there's no doubt that they will have a small conference when ART and BERNICE vacation in Greece...We're not at all sure about the plans of the following clerks: ED WITEK, FRANK PASCHE, JACK HES-

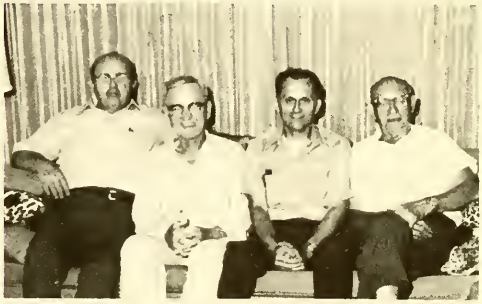
THIS YOUNG man is DONNY NEW, the son of West Section Switchman GEORGE NEW, who was recently graduated from Harper High school. A lieutenant colonel in the ROTC, president of the National Honor Society, and vice-president of Mu Alpha Theta the National Mathematics Society, Donny plans to enter the University of Illinois at Urbana in the fall.

TER, and FRED MURBARGER. We do know that Fred is going to do as much as he can to see that his daughter gets back on her feet after recent surgery on her heel. He says there is still more to come. All of us here at the office wish her a speedy and painless recovery...None of us are going to be one bit happy when September 1 rolls around. That's the day when one of the best doggone clerks in the business is going to take his pension and head down Florida way. Of course, everyone knows that we're talking about none other than ROLAND HEAD. Rollie started out 'way back about 1926, driving the old hard-tired, double-deck buses for the Chicago Motor Coach company at night, while he attended Loyola university in the daytime. For a time, he also gave Gray Line Sightseeing company the benefit of his talents and ability. Rollie always did his job well, and was more than willing to help others by doing some of their work for them. He never hesitated to help his fellow clerks or do what he could to make things just a little easier for an operator. Anybody that's ever worked with him knows that his growling and barking were far worse than his bite. He was also known as the biggest tease in the office. Yes, Rollie, we're going to miss having you around but all of us wish you and Mrs. HEAD the best of health, happiness, and good luck in your new home. Only one thing we ask, please keep in touch with us...Our vacation switchboard operator, JOSEPH CABAY, took his pension on July 1 after having been a driver for a good many years, taking over the switchboard for a few short months. It didn't take any time at all for genial ED MOCARSKI to take over the job. We're mighty glad to have you with us, Ed, you're doing a good job. Keep up the good work...We thought that after Clerk FRANK PASCHE's feud with the utility companies was settled, that they would at least name him chairman of the board. Now his neighbors won't have to worry about reading by kerosene lamps or sending up smoke signals when they want to talk to each other...Just one more small item to wind it up for this month. That brilliant green Dart Swinger that is owned by the Forest Glen Credit Union, my wife, and I is now rolling on brand new wheels and brand new tires, five of each, which means I have lost the title of "Flat Wheels" BLIX. Since none of them cost me a dime (thanks to the Dodge agency and Goodyear Tire company), I think the price was more than right. Yes, we're getting a much smoother ride, thank you...End of news from the Inner Sanctum...Enjoy the Labor day weekend and drive carefully.

*- William Miedema*

**NORTH SECTION -**

VIRGINIA KORAL, the daughter of Supervisor and Mrs. JOE KORAL, was married on June 26 to JAMES ARMSTRONG. The newlyweds will reside in Hawaii, where James is a dentist in the U.S. Army. Our wishes for many years of happiness to them both...Twenty-five years ago on June 29 Supervisor and Mrs. PAT O'MALLEY said their wedding vows. On July 3 their children had an anniversary party for them. Pat told us that he has had 25 wonderful years of marriage and has been truly blessed. Our congratulations to the O'Malleys... Ravenswood Conductor JOHN RUSIN, who had suffered a heart attack and was hospitalized and had returned home, is in Ravenswood hospital again. Our well wishes and prayers for a speedy recovery are for you, John...Kimball Avenue Supervisor DICK STANTON is now home after having major surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery...Agent GEORGE BERGFELD is in the hospital for surgery, as were Agents DINO LAMBROS and EDWARD PLATT. We wish them a speedy recovery, too...Agent ED OLSEN has returned to work from the sick list, as well as Agent MARGARET McCORMICK. Being back on the job has made their passengers happy. Agent BERTHA ATKINSON has returned to work and wishes to thank all who sent her cards, flowers, and visited with her. ..Do you know that Agent SHIRLEY KNIGHT is a collector of old clocks? If any of you know about one, let her know... Agent OKE O'CONNOR and his son, LOUIS, took a long and beautiful vacation trip. The first half of the trip was to Billings and Great Falls, Montana; Spokane, Washington; Portland, Oregon; and then by plane to Moscow, Idaho; Phoenix and Nogales, Arizona; El Paso, Texas, and Juarez, Mexico. On the second half of their trip, they flew to New York and Puerto Rico...Kimball Avenue Receiver LOUIE LOEBBAKA and his family took off on a motor trip for two weeks to Boston, Mystic Harbor, and drove along the East Coast to Bangor, Maine, Bar Harbor, and across New Hampshire, Vermont, and New York. Returning home, for one week, to reload the trailer, they hit the road again for two weeks, going north and also west...On a recent vacation trip to Florida, Assistant Station Superintendent BILL LIMANOWSKI, Howard Street, had the pleasure of visiting with Retired Yard Foreman BEN LA BUY who resides in Largo, Florida. Ben, who was 80 years old in July, had just returned home from the hospital recuperating from surgery. Two other retired Rapid Transit employes were there to see Ben, and Bill had them pose for this picture.



In the photo, left to right, are: J. C. WILLI, retired motorman, Evanston Branch, Ben, Bill, and OTTO KOPCHEN, retired clerk, Kimball Avenue. All three send their best wishes to all their old friends who remember them. After leaving Largo, Bill and his family visited with an old army buddy, JIM STEWART, whom they had not seen since the landing in France on D-Day in 1944. They had exchanged letters for 27 years, and Bill finally accepted Jim's invitation for a visit. A few war stories were exchanged and the reunion was great...The North Section employes bid a sad and fond farewell to Agent FEDELMA HENRY who left the company after 12 years of service to return to her native Ireland. Fedelma said that Chicago will always be her home, and that she hopes to return for visits as she has many friends here. She left by boat from New York on August 11. We wished her bon voyage and Godspeed... Our prayers and wishes for a complete and speedy recovery go to Supervisor JACK PRITT who was seriously injured while on duty. Jack fell from a trestle onto a moving auto, hitting the windshield. We look forward to the day when we can again see his jolly smile...Congratulations to Supervisor HARRY HORN who has made line supervisor and is

now eligible to work in the line room...Agent ANNABELLE DREW is the proud grandmother of a new grandson, MARK JOSEPH HEINMAN, born on June 11 weighing 7 pounds 9 ounces. If we know Annabelle, she will have him spoiled in no time...Our well wishes to Agent WARDEN MARKS who, after a lengthy illness, has taken a disability pension... Agent MARY DONOHUE is vacationing in Ireland visiting her parents for six weeks...Howard Street employes were surprised by the sudden decision of the CHARLES REED family to leave the company. We wish them good luck in whatever new ventures they may undertake...Agent TOM QUINAN is in St. Francis hospital after having suffered a heart attack.

- Tina Henke

**NORTH PARK -**

Chief Instructor WALTER STEINBEISS and his assistant instructors take this opportunity to thank the line instructors and temporary line instructors, for their part in breaking in the college students for summer work...Operator IRVING WEINER was cited again by one of the local newspapers for his perpetual good humor and kindness to his many passengers on the Lunt-Touhy bus route...Operator FRED ANHALT and his wife, ANN, became grandparents for the fifth time when their son, ROBERT, and his wife, LUCY, became parents of twin girls named CHRISTINA and CYNTHIA, born June 10 at Illinois Masonic hospital weighing 3½ pounds each...Operator HAROLD SEDIN and his wife, SOPHIA, became grandparents for the 34th time when Harold's son, RUSSELL DEGELMANN, and his wife, JOYCE, became parents of a son, RUSSELL WILLIAM Jr., born June 12 at Lutheran Deaconess hospital weighing 6 pounds 8 ounces...TONY BRUNO Jr., the son of Operator TONY and BARBARA BRUNO, was graduated from Holy Cross High school on June 5. Tony, who was an outstanding athlete at Holy Cross, will enroll at Wright Junior college this fall...DEBORAH FRIEB, the daughter of Operator WILLARD and ADELAIDE FRIEB, the 1967 winner of the Division 241 scholarship, received her B.S.C. degree with high honors from De Paul university. Miss Frieb, who majored in marketing, was president of the De Paul chapter of the American Marketing Association, senior adviser of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, a member of the Adjuvantes Hostessing Honor Society, and secretary of the Society for the Advancement of Management. She was newly-elected to Kappa Gamma Pi, the national honor society for women graduates of Catholic universities, and was awarded a senior certificate from Alpha Lambda Delta for maintaining at least a 3.5 grade average out of a possible 4.0 throughout the entire course. Deborah has been on the dean's list for all four years...PATRICIA KNIGHT, the daughter of Operator BILL and ELKENA KNIGHT, was graduated from Funston Grammar school on June 23 and has plans to enter Kelvyn Park High school in the fall...Operator HAROLD NEWTON can be reached at 697-4920 to help out any of our operators who have automobile or home air conditioning problems...The North Park baseball team, led by Manager HOMER REED and Captain RICHARD CLEMMONS, were honored at a banquet at the M&M Club in the Merchandise Mart recently. The team finished in second place losing the championship game by one run. North Park received a beautiful trophy, while the team members were awarded individual trophies. ..We at North Park extend a hearty welcome to HENRY THELIN who has returned to work as a bus operator after several years working as a street checker and ticket agent. ..Operator ARTHUR CHRYSANTHOPOULOS received a commendation and reward from one of his passengers, Mrs. Glaser, after Arthur had turned in a package she had lost on his bus...JAMES ANHALT, the son of Operator FRED and ANN ANHALT, was graduated on June 18 from the Chicago Police academy. James was number 1 out of a class of 100 graduates and has been assigned to the Foster Avenue station...Congratulations to Operator LEO KONETSCHKE whose German shepherd dog won first place in the obedience training meet in Des Plaines, Illinois, on Sunday, May 16, given by the Lincolnwood German Shepherd Training club. Leo's two-year old female dog won in the open "A" class...Pensioner CHARLES KERR, former station superintendent at North Park, was a recent visitor in Chicago when his daughter, Mrs. CHRISTNER, was undergoing major surgery at Forkosh Memorial hospital...Operator ROY THOMPSON who has been off sick for quite some time has taken his pension, and we at North Park wish Roy continued improvement in the years ahead...Operator LYNN BUTLER and his wife, ANNE, entertained Operator HANK SCHRAMM and his wife, ELIZABETH, on the maiden trip of their new travel trailer. They left for Watertown, Wisconsin, to spend the Memorial day weekend at Camp Ruhidell on the banks of the Crawfish River. The camper was christened with champagne and the trip was enjoyed by all...Operator FRANK CARDELLA spent four days fishing at Cameron Lake Lodge located at Nestor Falls, Ontario, Canada. Frank reports the fishing was poor due to cold and rain...Operator HAROLD JULITZ and his wife, ANN, spent a week in the Ozark area. Harold and Ann also visited with Pensioners ART and RUTH MUIR, and RAY and EVELYN DONESKI of Forsyth, Missouri... Operator HAROLD COOK and his wife vacationed throughout Florida. Points of interest visited were Palm Beach, Miami, and Bonita Springs where the Cooks enjoyed visits with Pensioners CHARLES KERR and PAT DOHERTY. Harold is a distributor of grandfather clocks and displays them at his home at 6224 N. Melvina Avenue...Our sympathy and condolences are extended to the families of Pensioner OSCAR AUGDAHL and Janitor DAVID NEIL.

Happy anniversaries are extended to the following: Pensioner ROY THOMPSON and his wife, GENEVIEVE, their 46th; Pensioner ALVIN DAVIS and his wife, their 27th; Pensioner ART MUIR and his wife, RUTH, their 47th; Pensioner BILL SEIFERT and his wife, MIN, their 40th; Pensioner LE ROY PEDERSEN and his wife, BERNICE, their 46th; Pensioner GEORGE VOIGHT and his wife, BEA, their 5th; Operator KAZ YAWORSKI and his wife, FLORENCE, their 16th; Operator JOHN SUMMERSON and his wife, CHARLOTTE, their 19th; Operator BEN SECLER and his wife, NATALIE, their 20th; Operator EDWARD GOTTERT and his wife, ISABEL, their 36th; Operator CHESTER OLENSKI and his wife, JOANNE, their 21st; Operator JOHN GUZALDO and his wife, ROSALIE, their 38th; Operator LUIS ENDARA and his wife, CARMEN, their 15th; Operator HAROLD BASON and his wife, NORA, their 32nd; Operator PETE MARCHISOTTO and his wife, FELICIA, their 36th; Operator McKINLEY DAVENPORT and his wife, MARY, their 16th; Operator WILLARD FRIEB and his wife, ADELAIDE, their 23rd; Operator JOHN WILSON and his wife, REBECCA, their 12th; Clerk CARL HANSEN and his wife, SANDRA, their 17th, and Instructor MELVIN LINK and his wife, ELSIE, their 21st...Happy birthdays are extended to the following: Operators LE ROY CARR, JOHN COSGROVE, WALTER UHLEMANN, BOB CIESLA, JOHN MARCINAK, LEONARD BAEUCHLER, MORT LIBERT,

# RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYES

CLARENCE ADAMS, 70, West Section,
Emp. 11-29-24, Died 5-3-71
TONY ALILUNAS, 86, West Shops,
Emp. 1-3-23, Died 6-20-71
VERNON M. AMMONS, 77, South Section,
Emp. 4-4-14, Died 6-24-71
JOSEPH BARBARO, 75, Way & Strutures,
Emp. 5-21-26, Died 7-3-71
PETER BRANCATO, 68, Engineering,
Emp. 6-6-41, Died 7-4-71
HUBERT F. BRENNAN, 78, 77th Street,
Emp. 5-15-20, Died 6-26-71
JOHN J. BREWMAN, 69, Building,
Emp. 11-22-43, Died 6-14-71
WALTER S. BROWN, 93, Electrical,
Emp. 3-10-06, Died 6-19-71
EDWARD CAJDA, 50, Keeler,
Emp. 8-22-55, Died 7-28-71
SAM CASSATA, 81, South Shops,
Emp. 10-25-44, Died 7-4-71
OLIVER CHILES, 64, 77th Street,
Emp. 11-21-50, Died 7-10-71
ANTON CHRISTENSEN, 69, South Section,
Emp. 1-26-27, Died 6-23-71
ANGELO DI GILIO, 79, Devon,
Emp. 2-9-21, Died 6-23-71
FRANK J. DRESDEN, 76, 69th Street,
Emp. 5-21-23, Died 6-20-71
JAMES J. EGAN, 67, Skokie Shops,
Emp. 10-10-45, Died 6-6-71
MARKO GALICH, 76, Way & Structures,
Emp. 8-26-29, Died 6-15-71
GEORGE A. GLUECK, 88, Lincoln,
Emp. 10-5-16, Died 6-21-71
OLLEN G. HARMS, 73, 77th Street,
Emp. 11-6-29, Died 6-24-71
JOHN W. HENNESSY, 59, 77th Street,
Emp. 6-23-37, Died 7-10-71
URBAN S. HOLMEN, 63, 77th Street,
Emp. 3-23-42, Died 2-4-71
JACOB M. JACOBSEN, 78, 77th Street,
Emp. 2-9-16, Died 6-9-71
ARTHUR KRUEGER, 62, 69th Street,
Emp. 11-16-36, Died 7-13-71
MANDEL LARSON, 78, 69th Street,
Emp. 1-25-17, Died 6-24-71
JOHN MASNICH, 84, Track,
Emp. 5-2-22, Died 6-13-71
FRANK G. MILLER, 79, Devon,
Emp. 3-27-26, Died 6-20-71
HARVEY E. MILLER, 65, Archer,
Emp. 10-8-28, Died 6-27-71
PATRICK MITCHELL, 80, 77th Street,
Emp. 8-11-20, Died 6-28-71
WILLIAM J. MOORE, 78, Kedzie,
Emp. 1-3-14, Died 5-20-71
JOSEPH SPULAK, 79, Lawndale,
Emp. 6-11-26, Died 6-26-71
EDWARD A. STRUWE, 66, West Section,
Emp. 7-22-29, Died 6-19-71
FRANK TOCHER, 72, Limits,
Emp. 1-11-43, Died 6-27-71
FLORENCE TODD, 85, West Section,
Emp. 6-8-23, Died 6-25-71
FERDINAND H. TROIKE, 84, West Section,
Emp. 11-15-06, Died 6-14-71
CASIMIR A. WIENKE, 68, Lawndale,
Emp. 6-8-44, Died 6-5-71
JOHN P. WOODS, 81, Grand Substation,
Emp. 10-4-09, Died 6-22-71
JACK H. YOUNG, 70, Archer,
Emp. 11-1-27, Died 6-25-71

PETER DOLAN, ROY RIPKA, and GINO PAOLI, WARREN SCHOLL, DEBBIE FRIEB, MARCI LYNN LICHTER, EDWARD, ROY, and KEITH KURCZEWSKI, LEONA NEWMAN, AMELIA CIESLA, PETER and BRIAN DOLAN, ANNA NEGELE, JUDY LICHTER, and ELIZABETH and ISMENA RIPKA...Janitor FRANK NEISIUS retired on August 1 and his future plans call for plenty of rest, along with considerable time to work on his rose garden...Operator HAROLD SEDIN and his wife, SOPHIA, became grandparents for the 35th time when their son, DENNIS DEGELMANN, and his wife, KATHY, became the proud parents of their third child, a daughter, CARRIE ANN, born on June 30 at Lutheran General hospital weighing 8 pounds...Repair Department Chit Chat: Foreman PHIL O'CONNOR was hospitalized at St. Joseph's hospital where he was in traction with a slipped disk. At this writing Phil is recovering rapidly... Repairman JULIUS CONLEY was hospitalized at the Veteran's hospital where he underwent eye surgery. Julius is now at home and will be back to work soon...Repairman FRANK SIBLEY is recovering at home from a serious illness and our prayers are with him for a speedy recovery... Tire Repairman MATT HEAVEY flew to Ireland where the citizens of Rosscommon and Mayo counties were in for a grand treat with genial Matt spinning his many yarns for them...Pensioner CHARLES DUNNE and his wife are enjoying a trip to Ireland where they are renewing many old memories...Repairman TERRY PLUTA spent two weeks at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, for military obligations, while JOE JOHNSON spent two weeks at Camp Gordon, Georgia... On vacations at this time are the following: Night Foreman JOHN HENNELLY, Night Instructor ROBERT MILLER, ED BAKANOWSKI, DAN PRISBLE, GEORGE KENNEDY, ALEX FRITZLER, ED PALA, MIKE MUSIELSKI, CLEO EVANS, ROBERT MOHRING, A. HAYES, GARRY WITKUS, HENRY MADDEN, and DARREL PERSON...The garage welcomes new Bus Cleaners CARL NICHOLAS and ROBERT VAN DER MIER, and summer replacements LES KEAG Jr., and H. CIONE...Clerk EARNIE LOTITO enjoyed a two-week "honey do" vacation and was very busy getting things in order around the house...Repairman MIKE DAWSON flew to Ireland to visit his father who has been seriously ill... GEORGE BONESS has left the garage and is now with the CTA Police...Repairmen MIKE SCHULTZ and PAT O'MALLEY retired on July 1 and were honored with a wonderful party at the garage...The sympathy of the garage is extended to the family of Repairman WILLIAM MORRIS who passed away suddenly.

*- Melvin Horning*

**OPERATIONS (Transportation) -**

If you are wondering why DAVID MARTIN is smiling so much lately, it's because he became a father again.

On May 31 his wife, EVELYN, gave birth to a 7 pound 6 ounce baby boy named DONALD. They now have two boys. Congratulations...JOE VODVARKA and his wife, MARILYN, and another couple drove to their favorite spot for vacation. The place they like so much is Colorado Springs in the Pikes Peak region of Colorado. In the one week they were away, they did a lot of sightseeing and took many pictures. They even found time to go square dancing one evening. The weather was just perfect and they had a wonderful time...JACK and SIMONE TCHELEBIAN drove west again for their vacation, stopping at Santa Monica, California. They visited some friends and stayed with them for four or five days. The rest of the trip was spent traveling, going to Las Vegas, where Jack won 15¢, and also to Grand Canyon. They were gone for about two weeks and had a very nice time...TOM and GLADYS MACE flew to California to begin their four-week vacation. They stayed with some friends in Solromar where they experienced some small earthquakes. If you ask, I'm sure Tom will tell you what it feels like. They went to Disneyland and Knotts Berry Farm and drove to many places including Carmel, Monterey, and Santa Cruz doing a lot of sightseeing. Since they were so close to Las Vegas, they drove there and saw some nice shows. To say the least, they had a very good time...ART ROEPKE and his wife, FLORENCE, are another couple that like Colorado. They went to Hot Sulphur Springs to do some fishing, hoping to catch the big ones, and also to take in the mineral baths. They said the weather and scenery were beautiful...Recently, Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH BLAA came to Chicago for a vacation and paid a visit to the General Office to say hello to their friends. They look real good and are enjoying retirement...On the July 4 weekend, the Instruction Department lost it's first golf match to the team of CARL GIBES and FRANK WSOL. TOM STIGLIC and RAY PRYOR lost the match by two strokes. In order to accomplish this feat it took two birdies and four pars by the long ball of Frank on the last nine holes played. A rematch is a must. These were the words of Tom Stiglic. Why have Tom and Ray been practicing their golf strokes in the back yard? Could it be that they are seeking revenge for being whipped at the game by two duffer superintendents? Don't bother practicing, fellows, because we volunteer to give lessons at a modest fee. This is what Carl Gibes said. We'll let you know what happens when the big re-match is held.

**(Traffic Planning) -**

NANCY JOHNSON and her husband, RICHARD, and his family went to Minocqua, Wisconsin, for four days. They went fishing (didn't do very good), swimming, and just relaxed and enjoyed the beautiful weather and scenery...The middle of June was a busy time for the family of FRANK BARKER. FRANCIS, his oldest son, was graduated from Oak Park High school on June 15. He plans to enter George Williams College in Downers Grove this fall, where he will major in physical education. Incidentally, he celebrated his 18th birthday on June 22, which is also his father's birthday. GAIL ANN, his daughter, was graduated from Emerson Grammar school in Oak Park on June 16. She will attend Oak Park-River Forest High school in September. Congratulations and the best of luck to both of you.

**(Utility and Emergency Service) -**

Staying with the theme of graduations, GEORGE HOWARD and FRANK GOODRICH each had one in their family... JOHN, the son of JIM ROCHE, was graduated from St. Patrick High school and will be a freshman at Southern Illinois university at Carbondale this fall. Congratulations to all the graduates...CARL HARE went to Oklahoma for his vacation. Here he rode horses and branded cattle. He had a good time, but says the saddle is not as comfortable as the seats in our trucks...FRED WILSON was a delegate to the Indiana Amvets Convention in Indianapolis. We would like to congratulate him on being re-elected as District I Commander. JIM ROCHE, who supplies the news for Utility & Emergency Service, was a delegate at the Illinois Amvet Convention which was held in Peoria...We are happy to see that DICK O'GORMAN, W. MOOG, and F. SPITALLI are back at work and feeling fine after their recent illness. We wish a speedy recovery to A. KRAUS who is presently off sick.

*- Colette Szczepanek*

**PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -**

Happy summer to everyone! Superintendent of Purchasing R. L. MANVILLE and his wife, KATHRYN, spent a lovely vacation in Florida visiting with his mother in St. Petersburg. They also went to Fort Lauderdale where they visited friends, one of which was retired CTA employe ED DEVINE and his wife, CAROLINE. Ed formerly worked as a buyer in the Purchasing Department. Ed and his wife reside in Pompano Beach in a beautiful condominium which has a balcony overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. The Manville's last stop was Signal Mountain, Tennessee, where they visited with their daughter, NANCI, and her husband, STANLEY...ED CUMMINGS, Purchasing, and some of his relatives and friends motored to Hayward, Wisconsin, to catch some fish. Ed caught nine walleyes and six bass. Pretty good, Ed! He returned to Michigan over the Memorial day weekend to spend some time with his wife, GRACE. ..Our welcome mat is extended to our part-time summer employes: MARK and WILLIAM PLATT, EDWARD BOLE, MIKE O'CONNOR, GERALD PORCARO, FRANCIS FORRESTAL, WILLIAM UNWIN, VINCENT ALLEN, and KATHY KILGALLON. We are happy to see that most of you returned to us...Greetings are also in order for LINDA LUNDBERG, new typist I in Stores, G.O...JERRY KILLMAN, Stores, G.O., spent a week's vacation visiting with relatives in southern Illinois...DENISE PATHEIGER, Stores, G.O., spent a very enjoyable one-week vacation in Delavan, Wisconsin. Her partner on the trip was KATHY MOSER, Suggestion Department. They also visited Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, where Denise and Kathy took in some sun and made some new friends. They learned a new card game called casino, but relaxation was their No. 1 goal. Glad that you both had such a good time...We are so glad to hear that HARRY and CATHY CLOUGH, your co-reporter, will soon have an addition to their family. Both Harry and Cathy would like twins, and that being the case, they are wished double luck and happiness..."Hey, mon!" Look who's back from a one-week vacation to Jamaica--CECILIA TRUCCO from Stores, G.O., and MARY BETH MURRAY, Purchasing. Also with them were MARY ELLEN RUSS of Research & Planning, and JANICE VANDERHORST from Charter Service. They went sailing, swimming, snorkeling, climbed the Dunne river falls in Ocho Rios, and went rafting on the Martha Brae. Their night life proved to be even more exciting, what with nightclubs, crab races, native dance shows, and they even did the bamboo stick dance. They were serenaded with Jamaican Calypso music, and even got to take an old-fashioned horse and buggy ride... What a time JOHN SPRINGER, South Shops, and his wife, DOROTHY, had the past month. They became grandparents

PICTURED IN front of their condominium in Pompano Beach, Florida, are ED and CAROLINE DEVINE. Ed worked as a buyer in the Purchasing Department before taking his pension on September 1, 1968, after 48 years of service.

for the 23rd, 24th, and 25th time! The 25th time for the Springers was also the 3rd time around for PAT CANNON and his wife, NOREEN! Congratulations are in order for the parents and grandparents of these "bundles from heaven."..DENNIS KUHN, South Shops, went to Iron Mountain, Michigan, for his vacation...STANLEY HALL, assistant divisional storekeeper, Storeroom 48, and his wife, MARION, traveled to Kentucky to assist their son, DAVID, on his recent marriage to NANCY WOOLDRIDGE. The wedding took place on June 5 in Owensboro, Kentucky. After a brief honeymoon the couple will reside in Westmont. David worked as a part-time ticket agent for CTA during his college years...MIKE KORZEN, divisional storekeeper, Skokie, and his wife, EVELYN, traveled to the Ozarks, and from there to Hot Springs, Arkansas. We'll bet you it wasn't as hot there as it's been here!..We were happy to hear by letter that retired Stores employe EVERETT BRUCKNER is happy and well and residing in San Diego, California. Every now and then he spends some time with another retired Stores employe, TOM MADIGAN, who resides in La Jolla, California. So happy you wrote to us, Everett, and say hi to Tom, also, for us...We just get to greet THOMAS RYAN back from military service and he gets transferred. He's still in Stores, but at South Shops as a stock clerk I. Although we didn't get much time to chat with you, Tom, we wish you much luck in your new position.

*- Cathy Clough & John Gill*

**RAPID TRANSIT MAINTENANCE TERMINALS -**

Welcome and congratulations to F. NEALY who was promoted to repairman and transferred to Congress from the Dan Ryan shop...Our condolences to J. NEELY, Congress, and family on the passing of his mother-in-law on July 3...Congratulations to Repairman STEVEN JONES, Congress, on his engagement to SUSAN GEIGER. An August 17 wedding is planned...Glad to hear that JOHN DANIELS, Congress, is a fast healer and is back at work after spending some time in Northwest hospital...A trip to the old sod to visit family and friends is how J. MEEHAN, Congress, spent his vacation...The grapevine has it that WILLY LACEY, Congress, is in the market for a bodyguard to protect him from an onslaught of beautiful girls when he takes his new white Cadillac Fleetwood out for a spin. Just how lucky can one guy get...Glad to see S. STIMAGE, Congress, back at work after being off for a month with back problems...JOHN DANIELS, Congress, is back in the news. This time John won $25 in a raffle at St. Hedwig church. John was a little upset because he was not made a knight at this parish, since he already is a soul-brother...A joint celebration was held for AL BOLING and PAT COTTER, car servicemen at Congress, who retired on August 1. Best wishes to both men for a long and healthy retirement. ..Aloha from R. LATO and P. COLOMBO, Congress, who spent their vacations in the Hawaiian Islands enjoying exotic rum drinks under a swaying palm...T. DUNCAN, C. WILLIAMS, H. YOUNG, and M. KEATING enjoyed their vacations in the Chicago area...Best wishes to L. THOMPSON, former repairman at Congress, who resigned on July 8 to move to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for a new job in a chemical plant...S. DOBEK, Kimball, had a special vacation treat--a visit from his son who is home on leave from the naval air force...A trip to visit family and friends in Ireland is how Car Serviceman D. MARLEY, Kimball, spent his vacation...Enjoying the local scenery on their vacations were C. EUGENE, F. FAWCETT, A. RUANE, and E. O'DAY, Kimball...Best wishes for a speedy recovery and a quick trip back home are sent to the children of F. PAYNE, Kimball, who are in St. Anne hospital...Sorry to hear that Repairman B. BEVINS, Kimball, is on the sick list with an eye infection...Summer brings on family reunions, and on their way to theirs is QUINTON BONDS, Dan Ryan, and his family who traveled up to Detroit, Michigan; and GEORGE NICHOLSON, Dan Ryan, and his family who traveled down to Pine Bluff, Arkansas...Congratulations to Foreman MATT COYLE and all the men at the Dan Ryan shop on winning the safety award. May this be the first of many more to come...Baseball games, friendly visits, and an occasional beer are the types of vacations enjoyed by T. FRIEND, J. KOGER, R. DAVIS, T. GUTT, C. B. BROWN, C. TOWNSEND, and H. DICKERSON, Dan Ryan...A big celebration was held at Wilson in honor of retirees JIM LOCKE, MIKE O'MALLEY, and PAT McCAHILL. The men started their pension on August 1. Best wishes are extended for a long and healthy retirement...Another coworker moving on to easy living is WINFRED STAFFORD, Forest Park, who also retired on August 1. Here's hoping he enjoys many years of health and happiness.

*- Ray Brzeczek*

**SKOKIE SHOPS -**

MUZIO FICARELLA, electrical worker, and his wife, ANTONIETTA, are vacationing in Europe with hopes of seeing most of Italy with relatives and friends. Muzio and his wife will spend seven weeks overseas and hope to visit France also...EVERETT E. ENGLAND, Skokie Shops reporter, and his wife, MARCELLA, along with MARY LABUS of the Insurance Department and her mother enjoyed a beautiful tour of Europe, visiting Germany, Switzerland, Italy, and France. The scenery was beautiful and there was so much to see in all the cities. I hope our pictures come back as nice as they looked through the camera...WALTER GANDOR, painter, and his wife are enjoying a seven-week stay in Europe with his grandparents in Poland. They raised Walter after the death of his parents, and Walter only knows them as his mother and father...GRANT GREENE, shopman II, and his wife were very proud parents when their son, DANIEL, who was entered in the elementary B-Group of the Illinois Music Association's State olympic contest on May 1, and out of 15 contestants in his group went home with the first place trophy. Danny, who has been blind since he was 2½-years old, has been playing the organ since October, 1970. This was his first

public appearance in competition...JAN BRODA, painter, and his family are the happy owners of a new Ford Galaxie 500, and the color is a beautiful new green this year... KATHLEEN A. GRAYBIEL is now working at Skokie Shops during her summer vacation. We welcome you, Kathy, and will miss you when school starts again.

*- Everett E. England*

**SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -**

Pensioner WALLACE STOLTENBERG recently paid us a visit and he sure looks good. The life of leisure agrees with him completely...RICHARD GOLDSTEIN spent his vacation painting his house...ED REILLY became a grandfather for the eighth time when a new granddaughter was born on the same birthday as her father, TERRY, and paternal grandmother...PHIL LEAHY vacationed in Michigan. ..ALAN SABOL, the son of JOE SABOL, won a four-year scholarship to North Eastern Illinois university. Congratulations and good luck, Alan...HARRY HIRSCH and his family flew to Canada to visit with relatives...JAKE SUMNER and BERNIE KINCANNON spent a quiet vacation in and around home...DAVID JACOBS has returned to work after recuperating from eye surgery...C. KEELER, traffic clerk, took short trips to round out his vacation...HOMER HARRIS, outside checker, is home recuperating after a short stay in the hospital...We thought BILL DEVEREUX's body was indestructible, but he recently tripped down some stairs and broke his arm. Perhaps his attention was diverted by some scenic mini-skirters. Nevertheless, we wish him a speedy recovery.

*- Kathryn Batina*

**SOUTH SECTION -**

The HARTNEYS, Clerk ROLAND and myself, are running around now in a nice new Chevrolet Malibu sports coupe and is it sporty looking. Also, we're getting a new color TV set. Roland is sure treating me good. I'll just have to watch out when he starts whistling at the pretty girls in the new car!..Vacation time is upon us and our South Siders are traveling all over the country and the world. Agent VELMA HUSBAND and her spouse vacationed in Nassau in the Bahamas and they just loved it there. She said the people are friendly and no one is in a hurry like in the big city, and people drive on the opposite side of the street, like in England...Motorman TONY JAGLA and his wife vacationed in Hawaii on the beach at Waikiki. They said the weather was perfect and it was very relaxing, as life is so nice and easy in Hawaii...On the clerk's system pick, effective June 13, we welcomed two new clerks from the North and West Sections, ROBERT STEWARD and ROBERT HARVEY. Hope they like it out south with us. We were sorry to lose Clerk ED GREEN who went to the West Section and we wish him the best of luck...Here's some good news: Switchman NELSON ANDERSON, who was on the sick list for many months, has regained his health and is back to work. His many friends were sure glad to see him come back...Also back on the job with a hearty welcome are Motorman FRED GRONEMEYER (who was off having an operation) and Janitor LEROY NUTALL...Line Supervisor DAVID MARTIN was beaming when he told us that he has a new addition to the family--a baby boy named DONALD, born on May 31. This makes two boys for the happy Martin family...Retired Agent SARAH McEVOY was ailing recently and was in the hospital. She is now home recuperating. Hurry up and get well, Sarah...Both Motorman PATRICK MORAN and Division 308 Vice-president CHARLES LOUGHRAN went on trips to the "Old Sod", Ireland. Hope they both had a good vacation...We're mighty proud of Retired Agent ROSE HEIDENBLUT whose picture appeared in the Southtown Economist in July honoring her as "Lady of the Year" of the nursing homes around this area. Congratulations, Rose...All of us at work were shocked and saddened to hear that Motorman EDWARD TORMEY passed away suddenly. He was a fine person and always thought of others and how to make them happy. He will be missed very much by all his co-workers. Our sincere condolences to his family...Our South Siders are going great guns. Motorman RICHARD BROWN, Conductor WILLIE GODBOLD, and Agent RALPH WATZKE were all appointed clerks on the West Section recently. It's nice to see our men get ahead in this world...Ailing at this time is Retired Agent MARCELLA BITTERLIN. We don't like to see our people not feeling well, so we hope Marcella will be well real soon and be like her old self again...Collector WILLIAM (Smithy) SMITH and his wife, Agent INEZ, went to Louisville, Kentucky, on their vacation and had a good time...Of all things, Supervisor DON MURPHY, Ashland Avenue, fell and broke his foot and it will be in a cast for six weeks. Hope by the time this makes the press that Don will be back to work...Collector THOMAS BRAGGS was grinning from ear to ear when he told us about his sister, DENISE, and how proud he is of her. Her picture appeared in the Daily News and the Tribune when she made her debut at the 11th Annual Debutante Cotillion in the grand ballroom of the Conrad Hilton hotel on June 25. The cotillion was sponsored by the Chicago Chapter of Links and 24 debs "came out." The Links is a national civic and social organization and the cotillion is for charity. Scholastic standing is a primary consideration in selecting the debs. Denise is planning to attend Bradley university in Peoria on a scholarship in special education in the fall. Also, Tom and his wife, Agent CORETTA, just returned from a vacation in Seattle, Washington. They flew on the 747 jet, and it was so big that Tom said when he got up he got lost trying to find his way back to his seat!..Going on pension July 1 was Agent HELEN SHANNON. We hated to see Helen go as she will be missed by all her co-workers and passengers. We hope she'll have a wonderful and enjoyable pensioned life...Also going on a disability pension July 1 was Clerk JOE O'CONNOR who was on the sick list for several months. Everyone will miss Joe, and we all hope he will have a return to good health in the near future...We just heard that Retired Agent BETTY BUCKLEY is back in town for the summer from her home in Hawaii to see all her old friends...Assistant Station Superintendent JIM WALSH and his wife and daughter had a wonderful trip. They drove to Florida where they spent a few days and then flew to Jamaica to see their married daughter and her family, and the new grandchild they hadn't seen before... Back for the summer months, and we're glad to see them, are part-time Conductors ROBERT ROBERSON, PETER STAZZONE, RICHARD PARRISH, GEORGE TALLEY, PHILIP WILLIAMS, and KENNETH JACOBI; part-time Agents ARDIS MORRIS Jr. (the son of our Instructor ARDIS MORRIS), GREGORY CULBERSON, PHYLLIS DAVIS, LYNDA GAULT, EVERETT MANN (the son of Instructor WILLIE MANN), and many more...Retired Conductor VERNON AMMONS passed away recently and our sincere sympathy goes out to his wife, ALICE AMMONS, who worked in the office at 61st Street years ago. We'll always remember

Vernon as the golfer; he just loved to play golf...A proud, proud husband is Clerk JIM CAREY whose wife received her master's degree from De Paul university recently... Around to see the boys at Ashland recently before they went downtown to the monthly pensioners meeting were Retired Towerman LEONARD DeGROOT and Retired Conductor ERNEST HARDWIDGE. They both looked just wonderful...Motorman JOE DOYLE and his wife went to Dallas, Texas, on their vacation and had a super time. Vacations sure are wonderful!

*- Verna Hartney*

**WEST SECTION -**

Now that those really hot days are over with, I guess we can spend the rest of the summer living with the remaining warm days. Some days bring sad news, and we extend our deepest condolences to Conductor W. MITCHELL on the passing of his father. Our sincere condolences to Ticket Agent CHRIS HOUSTON on the sad passing of her father... On the sick list we have Motorman LEE RICHARDSON and Ticket Agent VALERIE THOMAS. We wish both of them a quick recovery...Now here's some bright news. Conductor MEL PFEIFFER and his wife had a lovely vacation in Hawaii, and spent a few days with their kids in Baltimore, Maryland...Switchman JOHN CIMMERER and his wife spent their vacation in the Bahama Islands and a brief stay in Florida...Conductor GEORGE WOODMORE and his wife, ALBERTA, spent their vacation in Tennessee...Motorman W. FLOYD and his wife spent part of their vacation at the Wisconsin Dells... A news flash--Supervisor ROBERT BLAIR and his wife celebrated 31 years of marriage with dinner and a night out on the town. (I finally got something on the contented one.) Congratulations to you both...Congratulations to our hero, Supervisor KENNY BROWN, on his recent promotion to senior station instructor...Yard Foreman ARCHIE BRAGGS was elated when his son, ARCHIE Jr., was graduated from Lindbloom High school and awarded a scholarship to attend Cornell university...On June 5, Motorman JOHN WILLIAMS was united in holy matrimony to LOUIDA BRACEY at Mt. Pleasant Baptist church, 63rd and University. Their reception was held at the Chez Marie banquet hall. The best of luck to the newlyweds. The new Mrs. WILLIAMS is a nurse at Cook County hospital...Let's wish the following a happy birthday: R. PORTER, J. COCKRELL, T. WIGGINS, J. FRITZ, G. GUZIK, J. HOLEK, W. ROGERS, O. TAYLOR, M. BRANCH, J. TYK, E. PASCHAL, R. PRINCE, J. HOLIFIELD, D. DAVENY, J. DE BENNEDETTO, J. WYATT, D. BUEGEL, J. E. THOMAS, and G. WOODMORE... Foot Collector LARRY LATHAM and his family are headed for Canada. Let's hope his son doesn't out-fish him this year. Have a ball, gang...Switchman ROBERT NEIGHBORS and his wife spent their vacation in Las Vegas. They didn't go to win any money, just to have a good time. They did so by seeing some good shows and fine dinners...Switchman ZEKE KOPCZYNSKI and his wife are spending their vacation in Nassau...I want to add that I finally got JAMIE GORDON married off. Some of the gang that attended the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. RONALD RAMSEY, Mr. and Mrs. FRANK PEPPERS, Mr. and Mrs. WILLIE FLOYD, and my co-reporter, Mr. and Mrs. SANTO SICILIANO, whom I took to and from the wedding. A note to Mrs. Siciliano--the expressways are safe, it's the city drivers that get you. I should know; after I dropped the Sicilianos off, I was hit by one. Also attending the wedding party was GEORGE WOODMORE, who got around to taking the trains off the dining room table. I guess for his birthday present a new set is in store...Former Lake Street Yard Foreman G. KINZIE stopped by, and his retirement has done wonders for him. He looks swell...My partner, Santo, lost his adopted son, TOM PATTERSON, to the Congress line. So, Pat, when you find the time, come by and say hello to Pops. ..To Conductor JESSE WELLS, don't worry about those old combat boots, we are checking the surplus stores to replace them...Our resident minister, Conductor GEORGE CLARK, looks like he is losing some weight. Now order those new chairs!..Switchman JERRY BOYLAN is headed to Ireland for his vacation and to check on why he didn't win any of the sweepstakes...Motorman EDDIE PAGE spent some time down in the big-foot country, Mississippi, while Motorman I. TAYLOR went down to New Orleans. They both had big fun... I forgot to mention that Switchman HERBERT WHITE was also at the Gordon's wedding, but who remembers a person in the corner drinking Coke (ha ha ha); and someone thought that he was drunk...Now that Motorman J. RAGSDELL is at Jefferson Park, Motorman MIKE BOLDEN thinks he's the champ at checkers. Boy, you give a person an inch and they'll take a mile. I remember when he didn't even know the game. You are fair, but not good, Mike...Speaking of Mikes, I want it to be known that Motorman MIKE BELLEZZO refused to play in the picture, The Godfather. He would rather write down all of Motorman AL CLARK's memoirs, the General Patton of Lake Street...Motorman IKE HOUSTON, whose son, MARSHOUND, was a young actor in the play, "The Me Nobody Knows", used to wear his kid's hat. I wonder if he is driving his new car now...Motorman MARK FIORE is still trying to become another Mario Lanza. If only he'd sing more than three bars of a song, I may sign him up...Conductor STEVE DUDASIK left the guys without any eggs. Now no breakfast until he returns. Maybe they will be boiled a little better, said one guy, who after peeling one, had to look in the trash can to find it. It takes a certain kind of skill to do this. Just adding water and salt, but Steve hasn't found the right formula. Help, anyone?..For years Motorman TOM CULHANE was of the opinion that he was older than Motorman W. FITZGERALD. Since he found out that he wasn't, he is calling Fitzgerald the "old goat."..Conductor J. LANE doesn't tell any more jokes around me. I guess he really fears I will tell a black audience that I got this from whitey. Once you've heard one of his jokes, that's it...Switchman R. CANO is headed for Alaska and says he will bring back some ice for us to cool off in. Now that's what I call a joke. Ho-Ho...For those who wonder why Switchman CHARLIE ROGERS walks the way he does, it's just that he's cool, or has a broken leg...I would like to take this opportunity to say that all the West Side gang extend warm greetings to our new Transit Board Chairman, MICHAEL CAFFERTY, and wish him the best of luck in his new post...Motorman GEORGE SMITH now goes horseback riding with his wife, SHIRLEY. Since they can't win at the tracks, they may as well ride a sure winner and get their money's worth...My partner, SANTO, has been accused of being an agitator, a man who looks over his reading glasses to see you, with gray hair. Well, my friends, let me tell you that he's a fine man, his gray hair is a mark of distinction, and the glasses make him look sexy. Now can I stop? Santo, after a while they'll think our whole column is a bunch of lies...Enjoy yourselves gang while out there on vacation. You white guys, take it easy on the suntans or we will have to wait until winter to really identify you. You soul brothers watch that pork in the summertime, it's bad

on the heart. As for me, I'm going to just stand in the shadows and watch and talk about all of you. Bye.

*- Santo Siciliano & Lou Payne*

**SOUTH SHOPS -**

The South Shops golf outing was held on June 26 at Westgate Country Club. Fifty-eight men participated and a good time was had by all, thanks to the weatherman and Committeemen JOHN JANKUS and J. LAMONT. A butt steak was served and prizes were given. First prize was won by TED PIETRUS, general foreman at South Shops. A parking meter lamp was his reward, and to keep it lit you have to supply coins for the meter. The way he was mooching money for the lamp, I believe he could send his daughters back to college with just Saturday's take. The low gross honors went to Foreman W. OLENICK and A. FOREMAN, 52nd Street Garage. CHARLIE BUZA, the Mrs. Olsen of the office, must be in the dog house these days. He picked bath towels and wash cloths as his prize for the little lady. EDDIE EVANS is looking to swap one bottle of VO for TONY NUTILE's hedge cutters. What about it, Tony? A special thanks goes out to Mrs. KRAMER, the wife of LOUIS KRAMER, garage supervisor. If she hadn't let Lou golf Saturday, we wouldn't have enjoyed the day as much as we did. JIM FELTZ and WALLY FEULNER came to work late Monday morning. Seems they had to return the keys to the clubhouse. With the activities following the tournament, the manager decided it was better to have them lock the place. No injuries occurred from flying golf balls this year...Best wishes and good luck go out to LOUIS KRAMER, garage supervisor, on his retirement July 1 after serving 47 years with the company. A retirement dinner in Lou's honor was held June 24 at the Cardinal house, which was well attended by his many friends and co-workers. Our thanks to Mr. C. E. KEISER, Mr. G. J. CLARK, Mr. F. W. JOHNSON, Mr. and Mrs. ROSENDHAL, Mr. J. BOLECH, Mr. D. M. FLYNN, Mr. F. C. KNAUTZ, Mr. STAHL, Mr. and Mrs. RUZICH, Mr. STIGLIC, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. DINNELLA, and a special thanks to Mr. J. J. REPPLINGER for the beautiful job as m.c. FRAN LOUWARD and JIM DUDLEY did a beautiful job of decorating the speaker's table and making the dinner a success...A warm welcome goes out to DON TARNOWSKI, our new shop clerk. Don is replacing LARRY VANCE who took a disability retirement... Congratulations to LENNY WIENCEK for moving up in the world. Lenny just bought a new 1971 Oldsmobile...Well, WALLY FEULNER, we know where all your money will be going now that you have purchased a home for your family. Good luck...Congratulations to J. RIZZUTO on his promotion as material coordinator for Material Control Section... Good luck to FRED RIDLEY on his new job. Fred will leave the shop office to go downtown and work in the Claim Department as an accident clerk...MARY ROHE, typist, and her husband, DENNIS, carpenter apprentice, spent two weeks driving through Colorado and South Dakota...Congratulations to WILLIE PICKETT on his new job as shop clerk...The South Shops welcoming committee, which includes everyone out here, would like to welcome back TONY VIHNANEK, Technical Services Division, who has been off for about six weeks recuperating from an operation...The South Shops annual picnic, held June 12 at Rubio Woods, was a resounding success again, even more so this year than in the past due to a tremendous helping hand from Mother Nature. By golly, it was hot! The train ride was doing a land office business from the time they got the tracks laid. By the way, was that little blond-headed boy able to beat DICK BRYES (the trainmaster) out of extra rides again this year? The committee in charge of adult door prizes, JOE CARLYAN, STAN NUMAN, and JERRY PAVEL, did their usual excellent job. What, no lawn chairs? Thanks also go to CHARLIE KARKO Jr., TOM COATS, JIM FORRESTAL, JIM SHEGER, JOHN VIDOS, RICH STANTON, J. POLLACK, RICH GRECO, STAN MAZURAK, RICH RAHARSHUS, FRANK FLORES, PHIL SELAKI, STAN HILLARK, JOHN DAVIS, TERRY CULKIN, JIM HAWORTH, and BILL HAWORTH. A special thanks to HENRY KOLAR, picnic chairman, and his proficient co-chairman, RALPH KEANE. The picnic again this year featured a door prize for every family attending, a toy or game for each child, games with prizes for both adults and children, helium-filled balloons, music, and lots of refreshments. Speaking of games, I hope all those "under thirty" musclemen were able to remove the grass stains after that tug-o-war double-header. Thanks again to all who worked so hard and to those who attended for making the picnic the success that it was...Congratulations to FRED (Groovy) PETROZZ, Area 344, who became a journeyman on June 16...Congratulations to JIM LAMONT Jr., Area 348, and his wife who became the proud parents of a baby boy, BRIAN EDWARD LAMONT, weighing 8 pounds 5 ounces, who the stork brought on July 16. Brian is the grandson of JIM LAMONT Sr., electrician at the South Shops...CLEOPHUS DONALDSON, Electrical Department, and his wife became the proud parents of a 6 pound baby girl, RENITTA DELORES...For some reason, Area 348's HOWARD BURRIS is now known as "Skipper". Wonder why?..A quick recovery goes out to PAULINE KRAULEDIS, the wife of IRVIN KRAULEDIS, machinist, Area 348. Mrs. Krauledis underwent surgery on July 7 at Ingalls Memorial hospital in Harvey, Illinois. . . Congratulations to BILL SHAUGHNESSY, Area 312, on the birth of a granddaughter, MICHELE MARIE, born to his daughter, Mrs. CAROL BEADREAU. Bill would also like to congratulate his daughter, DENISE, who finished her first year of high school with a "B" average...The fellows in the shop would like to wish Mrs. LEWIS JACKSON who fractured her leg a speedy recovery. . . We welcome LEO GRIFFITH and JUDGE FUNCHES back to work after being off for some time with injuries. Also, a special congratulations to Leo on his recent promotion to journeyman...HARRY HOLLENDONER spent an exciting week in Las Vegas and says he had a beautiful time. It was a bit costly, but the reward was enjoyment...Congratulations to CLARENCE PIPOWSKI, Area 321, and his wife, VAECHEAL, on their recent marriage. Clarence also became a grandfather for the 14th time...The fellows in the Upholstery Shop would like to take this opportunity to wish BERNIE DAVIS a speedy recovery. Hurry back, Bernie, we miss you...ROBERT MANDUJANO would like to wish his son, MARC, a happy birthday. Marc was 3 years old on August 5...Congratulations to BILL SCHROEDLE on the birth of a son, June 30...Get well wishes are extended to SAM FIORITO and BOB FURHMAN. Both are carpenters in Area 318.

*- Elaine Stewart & Bob Brown*

**52ND STREET -**

I must say that your station reporter slipped last month and didn't meet his deadline, so 52nd Street was left out. Sorry about that...The spotlight was on the Repair Department during the month of April. They won the Employe

Safety Contest Award given by CTA for the least injuries per one million man-hours worked during the first quarter of 1971. Prizes were given, and coffee and rolls were served. Prize winners were J. JOHNSON and R. TURNER. ..It was good to see Superintendent JOHN LYNCH back to work after a slight illness. He also had a little rest and relaxation before his return...Instructor TERRY and his wife enjoyed a vacation during this time and has now returned and is ready for business. Just in time to greet our summer students I might add. A word to those summer students: because your time with us is short, don't think that it's not important...Chief Clerk A. HILLSTROM also enjoyed a short vacation during the month of May in Hot Springs, Arkansas...We lost the services of our congenial janitor, MILT BUCZYNSKI, during the janitor pick, effective June 6. A hearty welcome is extended to J. ROGERS as our number one janitor for the next year...Operator THOMPSON of our softball team is still jumping for joy after hitting a grand slam home run with two outs and two strikes, to win the game. By now, you all know that our team took first place in the South Section for 1970 and was awarded a trophy. The team is managed by Operator ROBERT RILEY...It's good to see Operator COLE back to work after a month-long illness...There was a bond drive during the month of June, and Chief Clerk ARNOLD HILLSTROM saw to it that almost all of the men at 52nd Street put a little more aside--just about a 72% increase in their payroll savings.

*- John L. Hudson*

**69TH STREET -**

I always thought that being on pension was one big vacation, but HARRY MINOGUE, who lives in Texas, says that he is going to take a vacation. He is planning to go to Alaska by ship from Seattle, Washington, and then see as much of our 49th State as the roads will permit by auto. D. SMITH says that if you have the money, Harry, he will go along with you. If not, he will stick around and play golf...TONY VANDERBURG and his wife had a two-week vacation in Texas visiting with their son who is stationed there in the army...JACK WILSON, our number one man, spent a week camping out with his wife in southern Illinois. He also went to Jackson Hole, Wyoming, to visit with his daughter and grandchild...RUDY RAJ vacationed down New Mexico way...SCOTTY HIGGINS took in the "Grand Old Opera" in Nashville, Tennessee; went through the Smoky Mountains to Myrtle Beach, North Carolina, on his vacation...BARNEY BECKER flew to Seattle, Washington, where he rented a car and drove down the Pacific coast line all the way to Mexico, and then took to the air, again, for home...W. DONAHUE is back working and says he is wired for sound. Just watch out for lightning, old boy...HANK (Mr. Modesty) RISCH and ED TIERNEY recently celebrated their birthdays. Ed won't tell how old he is, only that he is young enough to be Hank's son...The bus drivers can thank PETE YUSKA for the installation of the drinking fountain in the washroom of the "L" station...D. DULFER went fishing over the long July 4 holiday, and when he returned home, he found that his house had been broken into and ransacked. ..Approximately 30 people attended the luncheon held at the Elk's Club for ART LIPPHARDT. Some of those who attended were: C. GIBES, assistant superintendent of operating stations, Superintendent J. LOGAY, Assistant Superintendent J. PETROCIUS, J. TUCKER, BARNEY BECKER, FRANK ROONEY, and many other friends and co-workers whom he worked with for many years. May he and his wife, and all the others who are on pension, have many years of health and happiness...The fellows in the credit union office say that you are always welcome to come in and discuss a loan. Just see TONY or BILL...DENNIS COLEMAN was confined to Walter Memorial hospital, and Pensioner TOM BYRNE was in the hospital recuperating from a heart attack. Mrs. ED TIERNEY was confined to Holy Cross hospital suffering from pinched nerves and muscle spasms. We all wish them well and hope they will recover real soon...The silent reaper passed 69th Street and took the mother-in-law of RAY HAMMERSCHMIDT; Mrs. JOSEPHINE THOMA, the mother of Operator CHARLES THOMA, and the brother of ED BEHRENS. He thinned the ranks more when he took ARTHUR KRUEGER after a long fight with cancer, and Loader JOHN HENNESSEY who was from the old Cottage Grove carbarn and worked often as my conductor. They will always be remembered by their many friends, and to all the families of those who passed on, we extend our deepest sympathy... BILL ERICKSON, who writes for "In Transit", the union newspaper, was laid up again with the gout. He said it may be a rich man's disease, but it was making a poor man out of him...JIMMY AHERN is on vacation, and will double-up on the repair department news next issue...Don't forget to drop a line in the Transit News mail box, and God bless you all.

*- Arthur P. Buesing*

**77TH STREET -**

Congratulations, fellows, on breaking our accident par for the month of June! We will be drinking coffee on the house again...Fellow operators, please inform me of your vacation plans so I can pass the news on. I am anxious to hear about your planned trips...JAMES MINCEY III, the son of Operator JAMES MINCEY Jr., will wed the lovely Miss ROCHELLE SMITH on Saturday, August 21. Much happiness is wished this young couple...JOHN COOPER Jr., the son of Operator JOHN COOPER, was home on leave from military duty. He is stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri...Operators L. DURR and R. LANE have returned from the north country of Wisconsin where they enjoyed some good fishing. They caught the limit of big mouth bass and crappies. I am passing the news along--we are all invited to a fish fry (sounds like a "fish story" to me)...Operator JAMES A. WILLIAMS and his wife, KATHERINE, vacationed in sunny Nassau. They were very elated about their trip and Will says he spent "big money."..Operator F. MOSS and his wife are leaving on vacation soon. Their first stop will be Florida, and from there they will travel to the Bahamas to enjoy the leisure of the islands...The following operators made the Courtesy Caravan Club for the month of June: R. GAINES, C. TURNER, S. INGRAM, A. GRADY, W. HARRIS, P. HIGHTOWER, A. THORNTON, J. RILEY, W. FRANKLIN, W. DAVIS, and R. SHORES... Happy birthday to all the fellows who celebrated birthdays in June...We were certainly saddened by the passing of Operator OLIVER CHILES Sr. He had been a member of the CTA family for 20 years. He leaves a legion of friends who will miss him...Our condolences to Operator ARNOLD HODO and his family in the untimely passing of his beloved brother, ELTON P. HODO...So long for now, and remember, smile, it won't hurt.

*- Elcosie Gresham*

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# We're getting a move on . . . THE NEW CTA

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NEW FUELING FACILITY FOR 77TH STREET GARAGE

NEW TRANSIT TERMINAL AT 63RD/STONY ISLAND

## CTA Capital Improvement Program (page 4)

# We're getting a move on . . . THE NEW CTA

TO ALL EMPLOYEES:

I am sure each of you has become aware of steps which are being taken to improve transit facilities and operations.

We have a broad gauge renewal program that will affect every employee. Over the next five years we anticipate investing $277 million in capital renewals and replacements. This program will upgrade facilities and equipment so that we all will have the benefit of improved working conditions.

New equipment will be distributed fairly throughout the system.

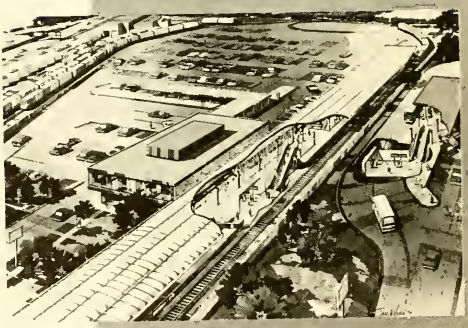
The first step in this program, involving a $121 million investment, is described briefly in this issue of Transit News. Included, are sketches of some of the more spectacular projects that will be undertaken.

The total program, hopefully, will encourage more people to use our system--therein lies the means of handling financial problems. In keeping with this, all of us--as employees of CTA--must do our utmost to retain the riders we have and to win new riders. We should all encourage our friends to ride CTA.

Sincerely,

Michael Cafferty
Chairman

NEW KIMBALL/LAWRENCE TRANSIT TERMINAL



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# 1,174 Named 'Employees of the Year' for 1970-71

EXCELLENT SAFETY and work records gave 1,174 CTA operating employees—bus operators, rapid transit trainmen, ticket agents, and janitors—the distinction of being named "Employees of the Year" in 1971.

Eligible to receive the honor were 6,539 employees who had worked a minimum of 200 days between June 1, 1970, and May 31, 1971. The records of each of the eligible employees were reviewed by station superintendents and the 1,174 were found to measure up to the strict criteria used in "Employee of the Year" selection, which includes accident records, violations, and complaints.

Each of the employees named as an "Employee of the Year" was personally presented a wallet-size identification card by his station superintendent to certify that he has earned the designation.

The number of "Employees of the Year" at individual operating stations, as well as the names of 25 employees who have maintained the status for eight consecutive years, are listed here:

| Location | Number Selected in 1970-71 | "Employees of the Year" For 8 Consecutive Years |
|---|---|---|
| **Bus Operators** | | |
| ARCHER | 146 | Anton Bober, Joseph Winters |
| BEVERLY | 125 | Leonard Borrman, Floyd Grajek, John King |
| FOREST GLEN | 110 | John Fiesterman, Michael Kompanowski |
| KEDZIE | 56 | |
| KEELER | 31 | Teddy Pyzyna, Walter Dabrowski |
| LAWNDALE | 24 | Otto Tork |
| LIMITS | 48 | Patrick Cronin, Gustav Petrus |
| NORTH AVENUE | 87 | Walter Baran |
| NORTH PARK | 107 | Paul Cook, Harry Osowski, Charles Schoewer |
| 52ND STREET | 29 | William Burns |
| 69TH STREET | 55 | |
| 77TH STREET | 68 | Henry Hanson |
| | 886 | |
| **Rapid Transit Conductors, Motormen, Ticket & Assignment Agents, Janitors** | | |
| HOWARD and KIMBALL | 93 | Doris Barthen, Dorothy Barthen, Hal Staats |
| 61ST STREET, ASHLAND, DAN RYAN | 36 | Robert Butler, Anthony Jagla, Charles Spears, Joseph Wacker |
| FOREST PARK | 40 | |
| JEFFERSON PARK | 21 | |
| CONGRESS and DOUGLAS | 69 | |
| ASSIGNMENT OFFICE AGENTS | 9 | |
| LOOP AGENTS AND JANITORS | 20 | |
| | 288 | |

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# Announce $121 Million CTA Improvements

CHECKS TOTALLING $3.5 million were accepted by Transit Board Chairman Michael Cafferty on September 14 from Mayor Richard J. Daley and Cook County Board President George Dunne. The money from motor fuel tax funds represents the matching funds required to obtain an additional $7 million from Illinois Transportation Bond issue proceeds. The money is being made available to Chicago Transit Authority in accordance with legislation enacted at this year's session of the Illinois General Assembly.

At the same time, Mayor Daley announced plans for the most extensive transit capital improvement program in Chicago's history to be undertaken with additional financial assistance available from the Transportation Bonds as well as from the federal government through the U.S. Department of Transportation.

In describing the program, Mr. Cafferty said: "Chicago is a vigorous and progressive city and we at CTA plan to keep pace with the city's future needs. This comprehensive program is the first of a series of improvements that can now be undertaken with the aid of the Transportation Bonds as well as greatly increased federal aid for transit. This demonstrates the start of a new era at CTA as signified by our new philosophy: 'We're getting a move on... THE NEW CTA'."

The two-year program which calls for an investment of $121.7 million is the first step in a five-year plan which anticipates investing $277 million in capital renewal and replacement between 1972 and 1976.

The ambitious program is being funded by Chicago Transit Authority, City of Chicago, County of Cook, State of Illinois, and the federal government through the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The local contribution will be $9.5 million to be matched by $19 million from the recently enacted Transportation Bond proceeds, along with $11.7 million credit from previous CTA improvements which are also covered retroactively under provisions of the Transportation Bond legislation. This $40.2 million represents the required local matching funds for an application being filed with the U.S. Department of Transportation to obtain the balance of $80.3 million needed to carry out the program.

In addition to the capital improvements, CTA is undertaking an overall renovation program to reach all sections of the city and will consist of painting 47 rapid transit stations and seven and one-half miles of "L" structure, improved rapid transit station lighting, and general clean-up.

Also, CTA intends to further increase passenger security in cooperation with the stepped-up surveillance of the Chicago Police Department. In order to provide a more direct line of communication between CTA passengers and the Chicago Police Department, additional on-platform police call boxes will be installed to supplement the 34 now in use.

Selected details of the capital improvement program follow:

Passenger Safety - $22.2 million
- Electronic speed control and in-cab signals for the North-South and Douglas rapid transit routes, similar to those in use on CTA's newer routes.
- Track and structure renewal.

Passenger Comfort - $70.1 million
- 1,000 air-conditioned buses with environmental improvement package and radio/monitor equipment.
- 100 air-conditioned rapid transit cars.
- Rail grinder to reduce noise and vibration.
- Vacuum cleaner-wall washer for subway clean-up.

Passenger Convenience - $9.4 million
- Remodel Civic Center Station (Randolph-Washington stations, Dearborn and State subways).
- New Congress rapid transit terminal.
- 16 new escalators at rapid transit stations.
- Park 'n' Ride facilities.
- Lengthen platforms on Lake rapid transit route.

Neighborhood Improvements - $6.0 million
- New transit terminal at 63rd/Stony Island.
- New transit terminal at Kimball/Lawrence.
- Remodel six rapid transit stations.
- Construct six off-street bus turnarounds.

Operation Improvements - $14.0 million
- Expand, modernize and consolidate garages, shops and employee facilities.
- Replace service and supervisory vehicles.
- Construct rapid transit maintenance shops.
- Purchase additional bus washing equipment.
- Improve communications system.

"Along with the physical improvements, CTA will continue its policy of constantly studying and analyzing riding patterns and service needs to provide improved transit service for Chicago and the surrounding area," said Mr. Cafferty. "In addition, CTA will continue to work with the officials of newly-formed local transit districts to assure effective and coordinated mass transit for the total metropolitan community."

# Office Employee Wins 1971 Public Service Award

FOR THE second year in a row, a CTA employee was selected as one of ten outstanding Chicago metropolitan area public service employees. A top award winner in the clerical category, John Gill is an employee in the Stores Department.

A total of 135 nominees for public service awards were screened by a planning committee and six candidates in each of five categories were selected for further consideration by a panel of prominent citizens. The categories include the professional, clerical, public safety, general service, and supervisory groups. Three other nominees from CTA ranks were among the 30 finalists. Receiving certificates of recognition for their "ability, dedication, and sustained excellence" were Stuart Maginnis of the Training Department, Eileen Neurauter of Public Information, and Frank Reader, iron worker foreman.

Mr. Gill was presented his award at the Third Annual Superior Public Service Awards Luncheon earlier this year by Transit Board Member Clair Roddewig. The finalists accepted their certificates from Transit Board Chairman Michael Cafferty and General Manager Thomas B. O'Connor. Shown in the picture above are, from left, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Cafferty, Mr. Reader, Mr. Gill, Mrs. Neurauter, and Mr. Maginnis.

# New Appointments Affect Three Departments

DURING THE months of September and October 14 CTA employees were appointed to new supervisory positions within three CTA departments—Engineering, Transportation, and Shops & Equipment.

In the first of two appointments in Engineering, J. J. O'Connor was named assistant supervisor of real estate effective September 5 by Supervisor of Real Estate H. T. Luebeck. The appointment of J. J. Marszalek as building construction supervisor by Superintendent of Buildings and Construction G. Millonas became effective September 19. Both appointments were approved by General Superintendent of Engineering E. E. Olmstead.

Named to new posts at surface operating stations by Superintendent of Transportation D. M. Flynn, effective October 1, were Forest Glen Station Superintendent M. H. DeWitt; Limits & Keeler Stations Assistant Superintendent L. R. Mueller; Limits, Keeler & Forest Glen Stations Relief Superintendent E. J. Weston, and Limits & Keeler Stations Senior Instructor M. E. Link.

Named to new garage foreman assignments effective October 10 were W. Lambert, night foreman at Limits Garage; M. Warchol, day assistant foreman at North Avenue Garage; J. Musial, P.M. foreman at North Avenue Garage; S. Bennett, P.M. foreman at 69th Street Garage; J. Schultz, P.M. foreman at Forest Glen Garage; H. J. Johnson, relief foreman at Beverly Garage; C. Mills, P.M. foreman at Lawndale Garage, and C. Coats, relief foreman at Lawndale Garage. The appointments were made by Superintendent of Garages J. W. Dain and approved by Superintendent of Surface System Garages J. J. Repplinger and Superintendent of Shops & Equipment G. J. Clark.

# Reporters Honored at Annual Dinner

INSIDE NEWS reporters accepted management's invitation to attend the annual Transit News dinner and gathered en masse with their spouses or guests in the M&M Club on September 10. The scribes, whose columns appear monthly in Transit News, represent departments and locations throughout CTA's vast system.

Transit Board Chairman Michael Cafferty addressed the group, expressing his appreciation for their personal time and effort that assure the success of Transit News. Mr. Cafferty also told of the new CTA in the making and stressed the important role that the magazine will play in keeping employees advised of improvements to the system and services.

The identifications of those who attended, from left to right in the numbered pictures shown here, are as follows:

**1** Seated: Mrs. R. Graham, Mrs. C. Starr, Retired Kedzie Station Reporter Charles Starr, and South Shops Reporter Elaine Stewart. Standing: Mrs. R. Brown, South Shops Reporter Bob Brown, Kedzie Station Reporter Raymond Graham, Transit Board Chairman Michael Cafferty, Mrs. M. Cafferty, Mrs. W. Rehder, Electrical Department Reporter Bill Rehder, and Jane Foster. **2** Rapid Transit Maintenance Terminal Reporter Ray Brzeczek and Mrs. Brzeczek, North Park Station Reporter Mel Horning and Mrs. Horning, and Limits Station Reporter R. S. Benson and his sister-in-law, Alice Bystrom.

**3** Seated: Mary Thornton, Retired General Office Reporter Mary Clarke, General Office Reporter Eileen Neurauter, Rudy Neurauter, and General Office Reporter Regina Daren. Standing: Mrs. G. Clark, Retired Limits Station Reporter George Clark, and Arlene Puralewski. **4** Seated: North Avenue Station Reporters Bill Miedema and Walter Blix, Jerry Kramer, and Claim & Law Department Reporter Terri Kramer. Standing: Mrs. E. Gresham and 77th Street Station Reporter Elcosie Gresham. **5** Seated: 52nd Street Station Reporter John Hudson, Mrs. J. Hudson, 69th Street Station Reporter Art Buesing, and Mrs. Buesing. Standing: Roland Hartney, South Section Reporter Verna Hartney, Payroll Accounting Reporter Clara Lawrence and her cousin, Father Iver Lawrence. **6** Seated: CTA Police Reporter Tim O'Mahony, Rose Amato, Retired Electrical Department Reporter Gil Andrews, Marge Kinsey, and Electrical Department Reporter Kay McAlister. Standing: Rapid Transit Signal Division Reporter Tommie Lowery, Mrs. T. Lowery, IBM Accounting Reporter Evelyn Leu, Bernie Kizior, and Schedule-Traffic Reporter Kay Batina. **7** Seated: Mrs. S. Siciliano, West Section Reporter Santo Siciliano, Loop Agents Reporter Mildred Doyle, Dan Doyle, and Retired West Section Agents Reporter Helen Pallister. Standing: Clement Mounts, Milwaukee, Lake & Douglas Reporter Grace Mounts, Catherine Naughton, Loop Agents Reporter Mary Wixted, and Helen Brandt. **8** Seated: George Henke, North Section Reporter Tina Henke, Forest Glen Station Reporter W. A. Henry, Mrs. W. A. Henry, and Mrs. E. Carter. Standing: Mrs. J. Marshall, Lawndale Station Reporter James Marshall, Mrs. A. Foster, Beverly Station Reporter Amos Foster, and Keeler Station Reporter Ernest Carter. **9** Seated: Rapid Transit Maintenance Terminal Reporter Ray Brzeczek, Mrs. R. Brzeczek, Engineering-West Shops Reporter Jenny Scott and her daughter, Eleanor Scott. Standing: 69th Street Station Reporter Art Buesing and Mrs. Buesing. **10** Mrs. E. England, Skokie Shops Reporter Everett England, General Office Reporter Eileen Neurauter, and Rudy Neurauter. **11** Seated: Ada Ferme, South Section Reporter Verna Hartney, Loop Agents Reporter Mildred Doyle, and General Accounting Reporter Jeanne Fitzgerald. Standing: Roland Hartney and Dan Doyle. **12** Seated: Christine Borcic, Florence Childress, Mrs. R. Heinlein, Mrs. A. Tonner, Arlene Zittman, and Operations Reporter Colette Szczepanek. Standing: Transit News Editorial Assistant Mel Alexander, Superintendent of Public & Employee Relations Fran Knautz, Transit News Editor Bob Heinlein, and Assistant Director of Public Information Bill Baxa.

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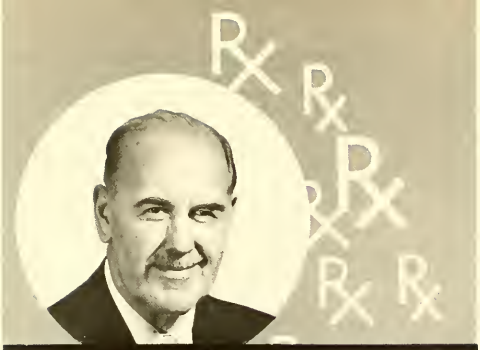

# Medically Speaking

## by Dr. George H. Irwin

**VENEREAL DISEASE** is on the increase according to the American Medical Association. Last year, new cases of gonorrhea exceeded two million--a 15 per cent increase. Cases of syphilis increased by 8 per cent.

VD is one of the oldest diseases in our history. It was first thought that the disease was only prevalent in the poorer classes. It is now evident that the upper classes have it in the same ratio, and the AMA specifically points out several nice places to live which have churches, colleges, well-kept lawns and active civic groups where the VD rate is high. Among these are New Haven, Connecticutt; New Jersey; Florida, and Atlanta, Georgia.

The statistics above represent only the reported cases. Taking unreported cases into consideration, the total increase would be at least twice as much. In fact, large-scale surveys revealed that only 12 per cent of infectious syphilis cases treated by private physicians were reported to the health authorities. The AMA points out that many cases were not reported because the physicians wish to spare their patients' embarrassment. This is, of course, wrong because the health departments cannot control the spread of VD if they do not have a list of contacts.

The following case illustrates the problem. A prostitute was approached by a health department investigator in California because she had been named as a contact. When it was confirmed that she had syphilis, she produced a list of 310 male contacts of her own. During the interview, she took pride in saying that she had never been arrested because she worked on a strict referral system and therefore kept a record of all her customers. Her place of business was a trailer parked near an all-night highway restaurant and the bulk of her customers were long-haul truck drivers. The list she produced reached into 36 states and three foreign countries. The health authorities were able to trace 286 of the 310 men. Each of them in turn became the starting point for still another chain.

Another case to show the importance and necessity of reporting cases is: not long ago in Philadelphia nine persons contracted syphilis because one case under treatment went unreported, and those nine would have gone undiscovered and would undoubtedly have infected many more had it not been for a hospital diagnosis to the health department.

The first signs of syphilis develop within ten days to three weeks after sexual relations with an infected person. An ulcerating, but painless, sore appears on the sex organs or elsewhere on the body. This primary sore is more easily detected in males than in females since in the latter it may be hidden within the vaginal area. Untreated syphilis may result in paralysis, blindness, insanity, heart disease, and death.

Gonorrhea produces an acute inflammation of the genital and urinary tracts in five to ten days. In the male, the early and main symptom is a discharge of pus from the genital organs. The female can be infected and not realize it as there may not be a noticeable discharge. Blindness and arthritis can result from this disease. If the disease goes unchecked, it may also cause permanent sterility in both the male and female. This fact, coupled with the epidemic proportion that the incidence of gonorrhea is reaching may well eliminate the danger of a population explosion in the U.S.

For proper control of VD, all contacts should see their physician early. When the diagnosis is made the physician should report all positive cases to the health agencies. The health departments are only interested in getting information which will help control spread of the infection. It is not the desire or business of the agencies to censor people's behavior. This is the individual's right or decision.

It is difficult to understand the increase in VD especially when people know that there are drugs which cure the infection. This information or knowledge seems to encourage negligence and a false sense of security.

Both gonorrhea and syphilis are curable in their early stages. Prompt reporting of the disease and proper medical treatment are absolutely essential because of the contagious nature of the disease and the potential harm to the infected person.

If all medical records are kept absolutely confidential it will encourage patients and physicians to report these cases. In this way the incidence of VD will be reduced.

# THE INSIDE NEWS

## AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**ACCOUNTING (General) -**

We extend a belated welcome to MICHAEL CIKARA who was appointed senior accountant, and to ARTHUR PINELLI who transferred from Claim to the invoice posting clerk position. The welcome mat is also extended to CHUCHAI GOSRISIRIKUL who successfully achieved the position of accountant I. We also welcome RITA RITROVATO who transferred from the Employment Department and is taking PATRICIA CAMP's place. Patricia left CTA on August 6 to await a blessed event. Another welcome goes to ZITA GYURICZA, who successfully achieved the position of invoice clerk II, taking BEATRICE FRANKE's place. Beatrice is now in the Billing Section. To all these people we say good luck and nice to have you on board...KEN McNEELY and his family enjoyed swimming, golfing, and relaxing at Door County, Wisconsin, again this year. His son, TOM, had fun horseback riding with some friends he met there last year. A highlight for the family was visiting the church in Sturgeon Bay where the hymn, The Old Rugged Cross, was first performed in 1912...STELLA CIEZADLO went to Crystal Lake on her recent vacation. She sun-bathed, rode around sightseeing, and also went shopping...JOE LAZZARA and his wife and four children spent part of their vacation in scenic Door County, Wisconsin, where they enjoyed many varied activities, from water sports and horseback riding to sightseeing and antique hunting. They also spent a fun-filled day at the Wisconsin State Fair and enjoyed seeing the Cubs win at Wrigley Field...ANN SLOAN spent her vacation at Lake Delavan, Wisconsin. She had a very nice time and the weather was beautiful...MARTIN WILMSEN spent his vacation around home doing some of the things he enjoys...Our deepest sympathy and condolences are extended to ANTHONY SCARDINA on the loss of his mother, Mrs. MARGARET SCARDINA, on September 17...The Transit News dinner which was held on September 10 at the M&M Club was, as always, a very lovely affair. It was nice to meet Mr. and Mrs. MICHAEL CAFFERTY, and to meet again with all other reporters involved in getting this magazine ready for circulation. The tour of Operations Control afterwards was very educational and fascinating...JACQUELINE BIZIK and her twin sister, JEANNE BIZIK, traveled to Tucson, Arizona, to visit their father. They had not seen him for 15 years and they found him well...MARIE FOLZ's daughter, BARBARA HERMAN, was married on August 28 to JAMES MULKA in St. Maria de Poppolo chapel. One of the highlights of the wedding were the ringbearers, little JOHN HERMAN and his cousin, LISA. The reception was held at Tommy's Beef and Stein.

*- Jeanne Fitzgerald*

**(Payroll) -**

VI MEYER spent part of her vacation at the Wisconsin Dells. She enjoyed the scenic boat trip, the Wax Museum, and the displays of the different ways of making fudge which looked so luscious that she was compelled to buy too much--only to give it away. She visited in Spring Valley, Illinois, her mother's hometown and also spent time relaxing at her sister's summer home in Lake Holiday where she enjoyed boating, outdoor activities, and acquired a lovely sun tan...MARY BLACKMORE flew to Rochester, New York, to visit with her brother and his family, and also enjoyed a trip to Niagara Falls...The tables were turned on DORIS YOST, for this time her daughter and family came to Chicago for a visit. This gave Doris the opportunity to show the children the parks, zoo, and other points of interest in our area, and also gave us, at the Mart, the opportunity to see the darling children...JOSEPHINE COLEMAN and your scribe agree how pleasant a vacation can be in the Chicago area where one may shop leisurely, have lunch, attend a matinee, or travel during the week without a great deal of congested traffic. Of course, for successful barbecues, good weather helps a lot and that is what we had!.. MARY JANE HOSTETTER and her daughter, SUSAN CHESLEY, and her family drove to Bonita Springs, Florida, to visit her aunts and pick up her son, JIM, who had spent his vacation there. It was a two-day drive each way, and they stopped in Chattanooga, Tennessee, both times. While in Bonita Springs they took advantage of the beautiful Gulf of Mexico where they went for a swim every day and enjoyed it very much...On September 10 the Transit News reporters were invited to attend a lovely dinner party in the M&M Club. We appreciate the hospitality of the Transit News staff and look forward to these gala evenings of fellowship. As usual, everyone had a wonderful time.

*- Clara Lawrence*

**(Tabulating) -**

JOHN ECKEL reminds me of that popular song, "It's so nice to have a man around the house." On his vacation he painted his house, carpeted the kitchen, and still had time to take his family to Santa's Village where a good time was had by all...The Abbey in Fontana, Wisconsin, was the lovely spot picked by MARGE DORGAN for her vacation. And even though the weather was not especially nice, she had a good time...The Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs was one of the places visited by DAN FRUSOLONE and his family. They also visited many places in Wyoming, the Black Hills and the Bad Lands of the Dakotas, as well as Wisconsin. They covered about 3,000 miles...PAT POLIC spent a delightful vacation in Home, U.S.A. She went fishing, shopped leisurely, and best of all, slept late every morning...A fond farewell was extended to our longtime boss, HERB ROHDE, who took an early retirement on August 1. He and Mrs. Rohde were guests at a luncheon in the M&M Club on July 21 which was attended by his coworkers and old friends...We were all a bit envious of PAULINE MANGINO who has cut all ties with CTA and Chicago and moved to "sunny" California--North Hollywood to be exact. Her many friends remembered her with a gift and sent her on her way with good wishes...The welcome mat is out for KAREN HERMAN and ANTONETTE DeFRISCO, who are new not only to the Key Punch Department, but also to CTA. Nice to have you with us, girls...Perhaps this is the time to say welcome to DAN PROFFITT. Dan is our new "boss" taking over where Herb Rohde left off. Dan formerly worked in Tabulating for many years. Nice to have you back, Dan, and good luck...EMIL RUSINAK spent part of his vacation in Bridgeman, Michigan. He and his family visited a farm where the younger Rusinaks could

acquaint themselves with some aspects of farm life...PAT SCHOENBAUM elected to stay home on her vacation, catching up on chores and ignoring the alarm clock...Lake George in New York is the delightful spot that CARMELLA PETRELLA picked for an enjoyable week. She visited the many historical sights the region offers, as well as the summer stock theaters.

*- Evelyn Leu*

**BEVERLY -**

A few weeks ago I was lucky enough to get a charter on my day off. I was traveling east on 159th street with a load of happy people and met this brown Chevy running like he was trying to catch his leader. He made a U-turn and followed me into the picnic area. Guess who it was? It was Mr. BANKS, the champ, just returning from his vacation in Nap Town, Indiana...I received a nice card from Operator LEROY LILLY and his wife, JOSEPHINE, who are having a nice time in Canada...Operator MICHAEL MOORE caught "5,000" JONES' run on 111th-115th street, and is he crying the blues...Operator LINDSEY received a commendation, and he and I, along with a few other fellows, made Employee of the Year. I don't know how Operator BOYD made it, but he did...Reverend LEE had all his teeth pulled, and now he has to drink his food. Supervisor MARTENSEN said he could get him some false teeth, cheap. He has a friend who works for the County morgue...Former Bus Serviceman MIKE O'SHAUGHNESSY, the son of Bus Operator ED O'SHAUGHNESSY, celebrated his 21st birthday on September 2. Mike is now in the army and stationed in Viet Nam. Hurry home, Mike, we miss you.

*- Tom Daniels & Amos Foster*

**CTA POLICE -**

Our sympathy is extended to former CTA Officer BILL GROSSMAN (now at the 20th district) on the loss of his brother, DANIEL...The CTA Police have been placed under the control of DAVID M. FLYNN, superintendent of Transportation, since July 1. The efforts of the department are to be concentrated on safeguarding the physical plant, vehicles, and supplies of the CTA. Let's increase our efforts in halting damage and theft of CTA property offenses. Mr. GRAVER points out that vandalism to stations and theft of fire extinguishers has become an expensive matter. Make it your business to know about the CTA's electrical system so you can tell when something is defective or missing. If you have any questions, ask someone. If you don't have any questions, think of some. The sergeants and lieutenants are there to fill you in or they'll help you get an answer... RICHARD GISINER retired on October 1. Richard began with the old Surface Lines in 1941, spending most of his time at Devon Station as a motorman. Since 1956, Richard has been a CTA policeman and is known for his thorough and conscientious work. Before his retirement, Richard and his wife, RUTH, were on vacation in Washington, D. C., and the East. The Gisiners will do some more traveling and just take it easy after October 1...The charming new face in the office is that of PAT FLYNN, our new steno. Pat worked In the Employment Department before coming to the fourth floor...IVAN KASSER resigned and left for Miami, Florida, where he expects to be called for the Dade County sheriff's police...Receiving a ribbon and a trophy for first place in the nine-month old division at the Tri-County doberman pinscher meet was Felix, raised and trained by BILL JAQUEST...Supervisor "Red" GOETZ, known to officers working the Limits unit as the point man at Clark and Schubert, has retired for some fishing at his home in Wisconsin. Red was a good friend to the CTA Police...Sergeant PAUL and SUSAN FIDANZE vacationed at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and did some fishing. Also spending time in the dairy state were BOB and DELLA HAWKINS who were water skiing at the Dells...ED and JUDITH TOKARCZYK, SAM and ANN RINI, Lietuenant BOB McELROY, HAROLD EICHAKER, and LESTER and BETTY DEMAN have something in common—they all spent their vacations around town. For Ed and Harold it was paint-up, fix-up time. Everyone in Bob's family chose to stay home so their son, DANNY, could finish the season pitching for his little league team. The team took third place and Danny received a trophy...LESTER DEMAN is feeling much better after being on the sick list for several weeks...Skullbone, Tennessee, the world's smallest town (population 3), was one spot Lieutenant BILL and RUBY BUTLER went vacationing...JOHN and BARBARA ACTON visited some of their family in Terre Haute, Indiana...PHIL THOMAS blames some reloads for his poor score at the Carpentersville Annual Combat Match held at the West Chicago-DuPage County police range. Phil wants all his fellow officers to get interested in the Waukegan Police Shoot-o-rama which started in September and will be held monthly. This is a National Rifle Association sanctioned police combat match. ..Ten CTA officers were once gumshoes (railroad detectives) for either the Rock Island Lines, Erie Railroad, Union Station company, Chicago and North Western, or the Milwaukee Road. Sergeant FRANK KRETZ recalls that sitting on top of $3 million in gold bullion wasn't too comfortable. Your scribe knows some railroad bosses who were in quite a panic over an express car loaded with freshly-minted coins that got lost for nearly a day...CTA Teamwork got an assist when ED BUGAL was working the North Avenue-Keeler unit. A fire at Division and Damen had some buses blocked. Ed prevailed on the traffic officers to make an exception for the CTA vehicles enabling the delayed buses to get around the tie-up and back in service...BILL McKENZIE got a call to wake up a sleeper on a pull-in bus at 77th Street Station. A protective search prior to waking the sleeper revealed a gun. When Bill awakened the sleeper, he greeted him with those three little words, "You're under arrest."..A fellow on a Milwaukee train was attracted to a pretty young lady to the extent of bothering her. When she didn't respond to his advances, the fellow tried to drag her off the train with him. MARV GOLDWATER had been keeping an eye on this all along and when the fellow began getting rough, Marv moved in for the arrest...Soon after a gang of four youths boarded a 59th street bus, they began to rob one of the passengers. Also on the bus en route home was Sergeant PETE GENUTIS. Pete grabbed one of the offenders and took him off the bus. A crowd was attracted by the offender's shouting and there were some tense moments until additional police arrived. The robbery victim was an official in the City Corporation Counsel's office and wrote a very appreciative letter about Sergeant Genutis' actions...A lady shopper left a department store at State and Madison and joined the crowd at the northbound bus stop there. Unknown to her, a thief opened her purse and made off with her wallet. Lieutenant BILL BUTLER and WHITEY LAATSCH had been watching the offender and gave chase. The woman continued on her way oblivious to what was happening. The offender was caught. The woman was contacted through identification in the

stolen wallet. The offender was released on a personal recognizance bond (no cash required), but when the trial came up he didn't show. An arrest warrant was issued by the judge...A 66-year old man was mugged by three youths at the 59th and Wentworth "L" Station, and Sergeant PAUL FIDANZE and ED GARNER arrived to take the report. While they were talking to the victim, one of the offenders came back into the station. The victim pointed him out. He was arrested along with the other two offenders who were hanging around outside. It doesn't take much to outwit some criminals...For the sake of being able to successfully match wits with the more adroit wrongdoers, these officers are attending school on their own time this fall: McKENZIE, at Thornton Community in Harvey; NAIF and KLODNICK, at Loop Junior; COOPER, at Mayfair Junior; LONERGAN, at Triton in River Grove; WALLACE, at Chicago Circle, and your scribe at Loyola...Credits for arrests that are especially worthwhile in protecting the transit system during the eighth period (July 11 to August 7) are: Assaults on passengers/employees: STEFFICK, LONERGAN, VOGT (2), BUTLER, WISNIEWSKI, MARTINIAK (1), GOLDWATER (1). Pickpockets, jackrollers, jostling: LaFOLLETTE, MARTINIAK (2), LAATSCH, WALLACE (2), BUTLER, WISNIEWSKI, MARTINIAK (2), KRETZ, MARTINIAK (1), BUTLER, LAATSCH (1), LAATSCH, MARTINIAK (1), McELROY, LAATSCH (1). Robbery: JAQUEST (2), HIGENS, GARNER (1), FIDANZE, GARNER (3). Weapons arrests: KRETZ, LEAHY, BELL (1), HENDERSHOT, KLODNICKI (1), McKENZIE (1), RIMELE, SPATARO (1). Narcotics arrests: GENUTIS, WALLACE (2). Sex offense arrests: RIMELE, SPATARO (2). That's some fine work, officers. Keep your eyes open for property offenses...Celebrating happy birthdays in August were HENDERSHOT (6th), Superintendent GRAVER (11th), KRETZ (13th), JAQUEST (14th), Chief MILLER (16th), and COOPER (21st). And in September it was NAIF (10th), FIRLINGER (12th), TOKARCZYK (20th), GISINER (22nd), GOLDWATER (25th), and O'MAHONY (29th)...Good weather and close competition at the Fraternal Order of Police golf day at St. Andrew's golf course made it a great time for Superintendent GRAVER, Chief MILLER, Sergeants MOKSTAD and KRETZ, and EVANS, ROBINSON, MARTINIAK, and RINI.

*- Timothy O'Mahony*

**CONGRESS (Agents) -**

Student Agent MICHAEL AHERN, who was recently graduated from college, is spending several months traveling in Europe...Agent MARTHA BLEERS flew to Germany to welcome a new grandchild. She was accompanied on the trip by her daughter... MARY GALLAGHER went on her yearly visit home to Ireland...EILEEN CARMODY and her children are in Ireland. Her mother hasn't been very well and needed the comfort of having her daughter and grandchildren at her side... EILEEN SWANSON celebrated her 65th birthday by moving to Wisconsin...Pensioner MOLLY SHIELDS recently entertained guests from her homeland, Ireland... PATRICK DOYLE and his sister, Agent MARY DOYLE, went to Pennsylvania for the Labor day weekend. Mary and Agent MARY DOLAN are taking early retirements. May all their days be happy and their health the very best. We shall all miss you at work, but we'll be seeing you...We were shocked to hear of BETTY SEGERSON's mishap. Betty is doing very well and we hope to see her soon...We extend our sympathy to Agent JOSEPH VANEK and his family on the death of his sister... Porter AUSTIN YOUNG was held up while on vacation... Agent ROZENDA MAXIE and VAUGHN EDWARD HAWKINS were united in holy matrimony on September 18 at the First Church of Deliverance. Rozenda wore a pink silk mid-Victorian gown and a finger-tip veil. Her mother, Mrs. JEAN PITTS, was most attractive in a two-piece rose raw silk ensemble. The bride's sister, ELAINE PITTS, was the maid of honor and caught the bridal bouquet. The groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD J. HAWKINS, wore a big smile fixed with pride and happiness as they watched the happy couple exchange marriage vows. The reception was held at the bride's home, 116th and Racine...Our sympathy is extended to Former Agent HELEN SHANNON and her family on the loss of her sister who passed away in St. Petersburg, Florida...Pensioner MARY EVERDING is now living in Denver, Colorado... MARGUERITE and JOHN SCHEWE always enjoy hearing from old friends. You may send your cards and letters to your scribe at the Desplaines Avenue Station on the Congress.

*- Julia Brousek*

**ELECTRICAL (Blue Island) -**

As school days started again, some vacations were still in full swing. PAT GRIFFIN and his family are in Ireland; the RICHARD DORGANS visited the beautiful islands of Hawaii, and BILL LOOS and his wife spent some time in Hayward, Wisconsin, which is also BOB BOOTH's hideaway...Our summer temporary employees are getting ready to return to college, and DON LUKAS was the first to leave. ..JIM BLAA is on a month's training duty with the naval reserve. He is attached to the USS Parsons out of San Diego, California...ROBERT MICHALSKI, the son of MARIE and BERNARD MICHALSKI, won a trip to Houston, Texas. The trip includes a visit to the space center, a room at the same hotel with the Chicago Cubs, tickets to a baseball game at the Astro-Dome--which we expect is something he will really enjoy...WILLIAM and SUZAN STAUNTON presented Grandpa BILL STAUNTON Sr. with a little granddaughter, KATHLEEN MARIE, on July 25...SAM GAFFEN retired on August 1 and about 35 of his co-workers had coffee and rolls with him on the last day he worked. RALPH JOSSI also retired on August 1 and was given a wonderful sendoff. About 70 of his friends were there to wish him well. Pensioners who came in to welcome the new retirees into their group were: J. MICHNICK, A. GABLIN, J. SKIRIS, C. PETERSON, C. KNIPFER, T. HANIGAN, W. YOCIUS, and P. CARPINO. Distribution Engineer RON SWINDELL presented Ralph with his retirement folder. His address will be: Ranch Lake, Route 1, Box 101H, Pound, Wisconsin... CHESTER MATUSZEWSKI became the proud grandfather of a baby boy, KEITH THOMAS, born to PATRICIA and EDWARD HAGEN of Fridley, Minnesota...Congratulations to DONNA and CHRIS SUREK who were married on August 15. Donna is the daughter of MARION and MIKE RICKSON...Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. PETER L. JANKE on the marriage of their daughter, ANN BERNICE, to Mr. FRANK H. CALIENDO. The reception was held at Mister Alegetti...A happy retired life is sent to RAY SIERS who took his pension on September 1 after 41 years of service...I met GILBERT ANDREWS at the Transit News reporters' dinner and he looks younger than the day he retired. To ROBERT HEINLEIN and the Transit Authority, thanks for letting us bring our wives and other guests...On vacation at this time is PETER JANKE, LUTHER BRANDON, LEONARD DONOFRIO, PAUL MALONE,

JOE LACKI, and GORDON EGGERS. Hoping to hear from all of you fellows as to where you spent your vacations... Off sick at this writing are CHARLEY MULBRANDON, ROMAN PRIESBE, JOHN WIECZOREK, WILLIAM HOOVER, JOHN HOFFERT, and DON RYAN. Hurry and get well, fellows...To all you retirees out there, let us hear from you...Congratulations to WILLIAM and ROSE BECKMAN who recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. They have planned a trip to Hawaii.

*- William Rehder*

**(General Office) -**

Distribution Engineer RON SWINDELL and his family spent a wonderful three weeks touring the U.S.A. and Canada. They drove to Detroit, then over to Toronto, Montreal, Quebec, and crossed Gaspe' Peninsula to Prince Edward Island, where they enjoyed a week crammed with activities. Homeward bound through Maine and New York, they stopped at Niagara Falls. After covering 4,400 miles, the little Swindells, CRAIG, KENNETH, and LYNN MARIE are really seasoned travelers...On August 7, Miss IDA IMBRAGUGLIO became the bride of Mr. JAMES JABLONSKI. Our Lady Mother of the Church was the setting for the ceremony, followed by a reception for 350 guests at the Chateau Royale. The lovely bride is the daughter of Engineering Assistant and Mrs. MARTY IMBRAGUGLIO. Another beautiful bride was Miss DONNA JEAN RICKSON who was united in holy matrimony to Mr. CHRISTOPHER LEE SUREK on August 15 at St. Thomas More church. A reception followed at the Landmark. Donna is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. MICHAEL RICKSON, administrative assistant. Our best wishes for many years of happiness is extended to both couples...Our sincere condolences are extended to DEL TOSH whose mother, who was here on a visit, passed away while en route to her home in California...BILL REHDER, your scribe from Blue Island, and myself, are happy to welcome TOMMIE LOWERY as the new scribe for the signal maintainers and helpers and BEN NIELSEN as scribe for the men at Chicago Avenue Shop.

*- Kay McAlister*

**(Chicago Avenue) -**

It is with heavy heart that we report the passing of Pensioner CARL HIRSCHENER on July 30. Carl served as a bonder in the third rail gang after coming here from the old North Shore Line...Happy to see DON GRUDECKI and GEORGE COX back on the job, and neither looks any the worse for wear...BOB BOSCHERT is now home after a short sojourn in Swedish Covenant hospital. We are also expecting POLLY back soon...Big TED NADROWSKI reported in sick, but from what we hear it shouldn't be a long siege, hopefully...CHARLIE KASS is back from his two-week army vacation. He looks good, even got a haircut... One of the Howes is missing. LUKE HOWE reports that his daughter, CAROLYN, is traveling in Europe with friends of the family. Her itinerary includes the Netherlands, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and France. How is that for traveling?..Your reporter comments that his daughter, BONNIE, has been grinning for the last two weeks. Reason: her husband, TOM, has been home on furlough and is now a private first class. Both are expecting to be in Germany--ON DUTY...Superintendent S. E. DOBOSIEWICZ spent his vacation in the North Woods...VITO RACANELLI sent us a postcard from Door County, Wisconsin...BILL SHEAHAN visited his daughter in Colorado. He also went to Yellowstone National Park...FRED KOSS is now vacationing at his Wisconsin estate...CHARLIE SALVATORE is vacationing in California and Las Vegas. So far we haven't received any calls for help...DON CRANDALL will be vacationing at Olson's Falls... Fellows, if you have a son or daughter in the service, we would like to know.

*- Ben Nielsen*

**(Rapid Transit Signal Division) -**

Back to work again and in good spirits is JOHN GAY. John had to pick up the pieces and pull himself together after having a severe auto accident...An increasing number of our co-workers are now boat owners. Being outnumbered by us landlubbers, we hope these guys remain afloat. The proud owners are: LOU GONZALES, DANNY HAMMOND, ROBERT BROWN, CHARLES LASKOWSKI, and ROBERT ALBRECHT...CHARLES and LILLIAN LASKOWSKI had a lot of fun on August 4 when they celebrated their ninth wedding anniversary in New Munster, Wisconsin. Some of their in-laws and friends went along to make this a most enjoyable occasion. Good start, Chuck...Big LOU is back from his vacation where he had a lot of fun camping and fishing with his nine-year old son and four of his pals at Fox Lake. Lou said his 17-footer handled beautifully. He also traveled to Boulder, Colorado, with some "hippie" friends...One of our favorite pensioners, ACHILLES (Kelly) MIRABELLI, passed away on August 2. He retired on August 1, 1967, after more than 46 years of service with the company, and a unique kind of service to his fellow co-workers: that of giving one's self. Coming from the Surface Division to the Rapid Transit Signal Division, he became one of our most honored "go-fers" (carrier of mail and light materials). Kelly, at the height of his career, became one of the best gate repairmen our department had. Although he has been laid to rest in Mount Carmel cemetery, there still remains in our memory an individual respected for helping to shape the very nature of our department. No! He was not the same as any other family man, he loved every moment of it. Yes! He did stand tall for no one ever looked down on him. You who have never met Kelly have been somewhat cheated. Sorry about that...It's true--the Transit News, particularly this column, is a means by which our pensioners and former employees can keep up with what's happening in our department. Keep in touch by writing to us and sending any newsy bits of information. Your co-workers and retired personnel would like to hear about you. Send good sharp snapshots if you like. Address all material to TOMMIE LOWERY, CTA Transportation Office, 95th Dan Ryan Terminal.

*- Tommie Lowery*

**ENGINEERING -**

Enjoying a late summer vacation was LEO LIZAK, who flew to New York where he visited his mother and brothers...LOUISE SANDSTROM flew to Indian Lake in upper Michigan to spend two weeks with her sister, ESTHER, formerly of the Schedule Department, and her brother-in-law. Outside of a few cloudy days, she hit the jackpot weatherwise. She also enjoyed the unpolluted air with a million stars, not visible in Chicago, and a big full moon. Her sister and brother-in-law are very happy with their home and retired life...JIM JOHNSON is now the proud father of another girl, JENNIFER ANNE, born on August 10 weighing 6 pounds 12 ounces. Our congratulations to you

and your wife, Jim...We also say goodby to LINDA LE MONNIER who transferred to the Claim Department. Lots of luck to you, Linda, and don't forget to stop by and see your friends back here. We would like to say hello to KATHY KRUEGER who transferred from the Transportation Department, where she was a stenographer, replacing Linda...Our thanks to MARY GRACE CASTRO, Employment Department, for helping us out until Kathy came.

**(West Shops) -**

SEAN LEON GALLON, weighing 6 pounds 2 ounces, was born on Friday, September 3, to Mr. and Mrs. MATTHEW GALLON. Sean's mama, MARY, is the former reporter for West Shops...More about babies, a most happy subject, Track Foreman TOM STAUNTON is now the proud papa of son number two; Carpenter Foreman JOE FUCARINO is also a proud papa of a son, and Supervisor of Mechanical Maintenance WALLY HALLFORD is the proud papa of number two daughter, a Miss America of 1990, and will answer to the name of JILL...The Building Department softball team wishes to express their appreciation for support of the raffle for purchasing equipment. Tinner TONY SPAK and Labor Foreman BOB REVOLT spearheaded the drive with excellent cooperation from all areas. Laborer JIM BEATTY won the electric watch. The team finished the season with a 5-11 record. Our stars were H. D. HERRING, JOHN TIFFY, WALTER ANDERSON, BILL TILLERY, EARL STAZAK, EDDIE DIXON, DON EDWARDS, JOE HARRIS, RON HAMPTON, JOE HILL, SAM McCULLOUGH, PRESTON BROWN, H. BERNDT Jr., WALLACE DAVISON, HANK MOSELY, and Jim Beatty with moral support from jolting JOE STANTON. Bowling teams are now forming, and all interested men please contact Jim Beatty. Our basketball team will also be forming soon, so watch the bulletin board. Active men are healthy men. YES or NO? Si-si, says Beatty...Labor Foreman ROCKY FERRARO's three-week vacation was a trip to Rome, Paris, Monaco, Monte Carlo, Switzerland, and the Isle of Capri. Highlights of the tour were the Vatican and St. Peter's Basilica...A most interesting vacation was that of Steamfitter JIM FLORES who took his family to Canada for a camper's convention. They enjoyed their stay for a week and then went on to Minnesota for another week of fishing and fun. The fish were really biting, and this reporter was lucky enough to get a big sample--simply delicious. I'm a fish lover from way, way back...Steamfitter General Foreman VIC EISEMANN spent his spring vacation down south. He stopped off in Kentucky to see Mammoth Cave. He then visited the Busch Bavarian Beer Garden in Tampa, Florida, and then on to see the Everglades. They based in Florida for swimming, golfing, fishing, and soaking up the sun...Congratulations to CHARLES M. SCHREY and J. GORCZYNSKI, carpenter apprentices, who became journeymen as of April 30...General Plumber Foreman CHESTER MAJEROWICZ vacationed with his family just enjoying the resort life...JOE MARSZALEK looks rested after two one-week vacations...Steamfitter Foreman BILL HASKINS is on the mend and should be back among us very soon...Carpenter Apprentice WALLY and Carpenter Foreman LEO FELCKOWSKI spent two weeks just roaming around and getting a good rest...The welcome mat is out to SUE MILLONAS. I had asked for someone fat and ugly, and what do they send us--a petite number and pretty as a picture. Welcome anyway, Sue...REBECCA, the daughter of EDGAR SHAW, Track and Structures Department, was graduated from the Wesley Memorial Hospital School of Nursing on June 25. Congratulations to the parents and our best wishes to Rebecca...WALLY HALLFORD's annual fishing jaunt proved very fruitful, so he says. He is off on another trip, but this time with his family...ED HESS returned with a nice tan and he does look well rested. Ed says the fishing was good and the weather was agreeable...VITO CONSTANTINO, after 42 years of service, retired August 1. We wish Vito many happy and healthy years ahead. Vito was with the Track Department...Ironworker S. LOCIY, after 41 years of service, retired August 1. I know you'll find Lociy at the old fishing hole most of the time. Many healthy and happy years for you too, Steve...All of us are happy to see BILL KENNY, ironworker helper, back to work looking very chipper after a long siege of illness. Stay well, Bill... Mr. and Mrs. IRVING JOHNSON, record storage, vacationed in Miami, Florida. Mrs. Johnson mentioned that she had never been on a big boat, so Mr. Johnson, being the good husband that he is, booked passage on a boat to Nassau...TOM HICKS and his family spent their vacation in the Ozarks. They did a lot of fishing, but Tom said his son caught all the big ones...Mr. and Mrs. ART STEERS toured all the interesting spots around Colorado Springs where they said the country was very beautiful...Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. CHESTER MAJEROWICZ who celebrated 16 years of wedded bliss on September 16. Many more happy years ahead to you both...BARNEY HOLTANE is anxiously awaiting the arrival of his wife, MARY EVELYN, from her tour of Japan, Hong Kong, Manila, Philipines, and Hawaii. She will have many interesting stories to tell Barney about her trip.

*- Darlene Jansen & Jennie Scott*

**FOREST GLEN -**

Congratulations and a hearty welcome to our new night superintendent, VIC JOHNSON. This fine gentleman has been with CTA for quite some time, working his way up from the streetcars, buses, as a supervisor, and now the big step as superintendent. Mr. Johnson knows transportation inside and out. His door is always open for his men in any way he can help them. ALEX JOHNSON, our former night superintendent, is now at North Park. We here at Forest Glen wish him the very best and hope that he will drop in and see us once in awhile...Operator E. L. BRZECZEK and his wife are grandparents for the ninth time. If I count right, that makes a full baseball team...Mr. and Mrs. RON HINTZE are the proud parents of a baby boy, TODD, who was born on July 20...Yardman WOODY OWENS visited his 84-year old mother in North Dakota while on vacation. Woody said he had a wonderful time...Clerk JOHN MILLER celebrated his 12th wedding anniversary on August 28. He took his family on a six-week tour of Canada where they went camping, fishing, and bear fighting. It seems one evening John had a close shave with a visiting bear which he finally subdued by using a broom. Mrs. Miller, what will the old boy try next?..LEROY OWENS, who was retired less than a month, passed away suddenly. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his family...ROBERT KAESE, repair department, was united in holy matrimony to GLORIA KOWALSKI on August 21 at Peace Lutheran church, with the reception following at the White Eagle in Niles, Illinois. The happy couple honeymooned in California...Repairman JOE SCHUR retired on August 1 after 37 years of service...WALTER DEMBOS reports that his son, WALTER Jr., is touring Europe on his motorbike. His first card arrived stating that he was in Great Britain. He also went to France, Switzerland, and Austria. His last

card said that he had traveled almost 4,000 miles and that the people were wonderful to him. Traveling alone is a wonderful way to see the world... Operator BEN KAMKA and his wife, JEAN, are taking in the sights of the Bad Lands, Reno, and beautiful Lake Tahoe in California. They also visited San Diego...Indian JOE was attacked by three dogs on his trip to Minnesota. Looks as if man's best friend will turn on you. How about it, Joe?.. Operator O'BRIEN is on the sick list, but from the last report, should be back in the driver's seat soon. Hurry back, O'Brien, you are really missed on Harlem avenue...Operator JOHN MAHNKE and his wife, RUTH, and son, ROGER, are on vacation in the Ozarks...Operator PANTOS and his lovely wife are up in Canada relaxing for a week...BILL WHITE and his family were camping out up in Northern Wisconsin. They just love that part of the country... THOMAS MEAGHER and his wife flew east to visit their son who is stationed on the East Coast... Need financial help? See your credit union. It is also a very good place to save...RAY and PEGGY ZAPP spent ten days visiting their son and daughter-in-law, RONALD and CORA, in Poway, California. While he was there, Ray painted the patio and trim for his son's home. Ray's daughter, BARBARA, who was there visiting with her brother, accompanied them on a trip to Tijuana and San Luis, Mexico, where they took films of their travels. Congratulations are in order for Ronald and Cora on the birth of a son, PATRICK ALAN, August 19. The Zapps now have seven grandchildren. We also extend our deepest sympathy to Ray and Peggy on the death of her mother, Mrs. SARAH ZUEGE, who passed away in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, on August 1 at the age of 83. Nine months ago, Ray and Peggy's 27-year old son, GERALD, was killed in Lombard, Illinois, and the person responsbile was found and convicted.

*- W. A. Henry* (Don't call me Wilbur)

**GENERAL OFFICE (Employment) -**

MICHAEL O'CONNOR, temporary laborer in the Stores Department, and the son of JACK O'CONNOR, exchanged wedding vows with GAIL MUSIL on August 7 at St. Michael's church in Palos Park, with a reception following at Beverly Woods restaurant...DON RIESS and his wife drove to Lake Delavan, Wisconsin, to spend their vacation...RITA HURLEY and her husband and family spent a delightful week vacationing in Springfield and St. Louis...FRANK BRADY and his family spent their vacation at their summer home in Burlington, Wisconsin...Two new employees were welcomed to the department, JOANN FERLITO and KATHLEEN BRADY. Glad to see you both join the ranks of the CTA. Kathleen is the daughter of FRANK BRADY, interviewer I, and the niece of COLLEEN BRADY, clerk-stenographer in the Law Department...JOHN (Kid) STEINMETZ transferred to the South Shops as shop clerk II timekeeper. Good luck in his new position... ELLIOTT McMAHEL, clerk II, spent a week of his vacation in Hayward, Wisconsin, looking the sights over to prepare for his future retirement.

**(Public Information) -**

DANIEL PAUL RODRIGUEZ, the son of JESSE RODRIGUEZ, was married to CHARLENE DAYTON on August 7 at St. Ferdinand church with a reception at the Cardinal House. The happy newlyweds honeymooned at Starved Rock, and are now settled in Bethesda, Maryland, where Daniel is stationed with the navy as a hospital corpsman 3rd class...AL PFEIFFER's wife must be a very good cook, if you could see the weight on the scale as he weighs himself in every week. Al has been trying to lose some pounds, but so far no luck. Maybe it's the scale, Al, and not you?.. PATRICIA HALLAHAN, the daughter of J. P. HALLAHAN, superintendent, Central Assignment Office, was united in marriage to JOSEPH DiSILVESTRO on Saturday, August 21, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic church in Streamwood, Illinois. A wedding reception was held at the Rolling Knolls Country Club in nearby Elgin. We wish Pat and Joe good luck and much happiness...Our assistant director of Public Information, BILL BAXA, and his lovely wife, MARY, welcomed TIMOTHY WILLIAM into their family of three girls and one boy on August 25 weighing 7 pounds 6 ounces. This makes the Baxa family group a lucky seven. Congratulations!

**(Insurance) -**

TONI MISETIC together with her husband, CHRIS, who is an electrical apprentice at Skokie Shops, flew to Toronto, Canada, to visit with his sister, and then they went to Niagara Falls for their second honeymoon... ANN GOLDING and her husband spent their vacation in Hayward, Wisconsin...KATHY KOHLMAN and RITA OPFERGELT flew for a week's vacation to Los Angeles and San Francisco, and also visited Disneyland...EMMA HUDGINS flew to Los Angeles, California, with seven other christian friends for a local church convention... Birthday greetings are extended to SANDY BARRETT. Also, there has been an addition to the family, KIRSTEN KELLY BARRETT... The welcome mat was extended to KATHLEEN MURRAY, stenographer II, who replaced MARYANN WALLACE who transferred to the Stores Department... WILLIAM ASHLEY and his wife, LYDIA, coasted through the New England States and experienced a flat tire on their second day of vacation...We welcome NATALIE KACZKOWSKI, retirement record clerk, who recently transferred to us from the South Shops. She formerly worked in the Purchasing Department... FRANCES CALPIN flew to California to visit with her sister and also took in Disneyland... WILLIAM FINKLER, graduate trainee, was assigned to the Insurance Department on August 31 for a three-month period as a part of his training...Congratulations to CHRISTINE CARLSON who became engaged to RICHARD STERNBERG. Wedding plans are set for June, 1972.

**(Treasury) -**

DON POWELL, token clerk, became the proud father of a bouncing baby girl, GABRIELLE SUSAN, born on August 10. Congratulations...Sorry to hear that HAROLD DONIHI is presently confined to Henrotin hospital for surgery. Hope to see you back soon...ROD HEFFERNAN, with his family and station wagon, drove up to Minnesota to spend a couple of weeks vacationing.

**(Medical) -**

RITA WANTROBA, X-ray technician, and her husband drove through the West where they visited Long's Peak in Colorado, and through California as well as Lake Tahoe, Nevada, for a three-week vacation...Dr. ILLA ROMAN and his family drove to Mackinac Island and also visited the Schlitz Brewery in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where the beer was flowing like water. No wonder Dr. Roman hated to head for home...The Downers Grove Chamber of Commerce opened its doors to Dr. MOSNY and his family who recently moved from Evergreen Park to a newly built home. Birthday greetings were also extended to Dr. Mosny on Septem-

ber 20...Ever since Heidi was an addition to the SOREGHEN clan, HARRY has really gone on a buying spree of all the new fashion rages. Now MARION gets the pat on the head and Heidi rates all the kisses.

**(Property) -**

HAROLD BURDA and his wife, MILDRED, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on August 9. They were feted by their son, DUANE, formerly of the General Accounting Department, and his family at the Three Bears restaurant in Elmhurst.

**(Training & Accident Prevention) -**

BILL and MARIE CLINE spent one day of their vacation taking in the sights at the Wisconsin Dells. We get the feeling that Bill wasn't too impressed...The "welcome home" mat is out for JOSEPHINE FELDMAN who has returned to work after a rather extended illness. Good to have you back on the job...JOE O'SULLIVAN and his wife, HELEN, are off on an extended tour of the Western States. So far this office has received a card from Pike's Peak and another from Disneyland. Joe and Helen plan to go up the coast to Oregon and return home via the northern route... LEN LOHN and his wife, JULIA, enjoyed the sun in Phoenix, Arizona. Sure glad he came back before BILL SHOLDICE decided to inaugurate a new file system!..ARTHUR J. HUBACZ, past State Commander of the Polish Legion of American Veterans, attended the State Fair at Springfield, Illinois, from August 13 to 15. Sunday was Veterans' Day at the fair and Art and all other veteran groups state commanders were invited to Governor Ogilvie's luncheon which was held at the Director of Agriculture's home on the fair grounds. After the luncheon the entire group were invited to sit with the governor and his wife in the governor's party in reserved box seats to view the drum and bugle and drill team competition.

**(Employe Relations) -**

WE SUGGEST that RUSS WARNSTEDT, employee suggestion coordinator, accept more safety suggestions. While cutting branches from a tree in his back yard the saw "slipped", causing six stitches to be taken in his finger. Ouch!

**(Reproduction Services) -**

Wedding bells rang for MARGUERITE LONGO who became Mrs. MICHAEL RUFFULO on Saturday, September 25, at St. Simeon church. The reception was held at the Fontana D'Or. Marguerite is the daughter of MICHAEL LONGO, motorman on Lake street...The welcome mat was extended to SUE GILLESPIE, typist II, who transferred from Property Accounting...MARY PONTRELLI, together with her mother and father, flew to Italy via TWA and spent time in Venice, Naples, Lourdes, France, and Barcelona, Spain. Her father, ROCCO, recently retired from the Engineering Department as a laborer.

**(Methods & Procedures) -**

Congratulations to MIKE CIKARA on his promotion into the Accounting Department...MARY ANN JERAK headed for the balmy Hawaiian Islands in July. There she vacationed and visited her fiance, KEVIN BANDUR, who was on R&R from Viet Nam...JOE CUCI just bought a new home in Tinley Park. Joe and his fiancee, JOAN JESTICE, will be moving in after their marriage in February...DAN PROFFITT is now the proud owner of a tract of land at Lake Thunderbird; now Dan is trying to sell his '70 Torino...The GERRY BLAIRS will be out camping in their new trailer this summer at Bailey's Harbor, Wisconsin. I hope the roof doesn't leak!..The VIC JOHNSONS spent a week at Washington Island just loafing. Vic's wife, SHIRLEY, has returned from an unexpected trip to France where she visited her ailing father...TOM WODARSKI, our inside line from Methods & Procedures, was on vacation in the Wisconsin Dells when his car broke down, so when the family returned to Chicago they went out and bought a new Pontiac...BOB BRATEK has been spending some late nights improving the kitchen in his home. Bob is a real eager beaver...PAUL PLATT said his marriage vows in Boston on September 6. He and his bride, KAREN, honeymooned in the Bahamas for a few days before heading back to Chicago...Our condolences are offered to ED SCHALK on the loss of his father.

**(Office Services) -**

LEN SKRINE and his wife flew to Denver where they met another couple and rented a motor home and drove through the Black Hills of South Dakota. A good time was had by all.

**(Research & Planning) -**

Our deep condolences are extended to JOHN O'CONNOR, supervisor of Graphics/Statistics, whose father-in-law passed away, and all of us in R/P and your many friends at CTA express our sincere sympathy to you and your wife... We are expecting to hear from our leader, GEORGE KRAMBLES, who is on vacation in Tel Aviv, Israel. He is also touring Switzerland and other interesting places in Europe. We will hear more about his trip in the next issue of Transit News...Also on our list of vacationers was FRANK MISEK, supervisor of Transit R/P, with his wife, STASE. They stayed with their son in Attleboro for one full relaxing week. Some of their many activities there included sailing in their son's new boat around Narragansett Bay and sightseeing at Martha's Vineyard. Then for their last exciting thrill they flew home on a 747. I'm sure Frank found the lounge to be the most interesting place on the plane...STEVE LEGLER and his wife, SHARI, went on a second honeymoon up to Canada. Their first stop was in Cleveland, Ohio, where they visited the transit system. Next they visited Niagara Falls for one very wet day and then on to Toronto, Canada, where the transit commission gave them a very impressive and enjoyable tour of their transit system and of the city...MIKE DALEY, one of our transit planners, enjoyed a nice vacation with his wife, SALLY. They drove up to Michigan where they visited with friends and relatives, and then drove down through Wisconsin to home sweet home...TOM HENNINGSEN also did a lot of driving on his vacation. He drove down to Seminole, Florida, with his wife, daughter, son-in-law, and his two grandchildren. They did a lot of sightseeing, and Tom visited JOHN WILLI, former CTA motorman on the Rapid Transit. Tom finally did the right thing! He left his family there and drove back alone. Hope you weren't too lonely, Tom...Congratulations to DIANE GRAZIANO who was married to SCOTT TRAXLER on August 14 at St. Albert the Great church in Burbank. The reception was held at Sorini's restaurant in North Riverside. We noticed at first that Diane wasn't smiling very much and we thought that maybe she was beginning to regret it. But later we found out that she was just tired because she was too excited to sleep the night before...Last, but not least, we'd like to wish a belated happy birthday to WALLY PASZYNA's daughter, JACKIE, who was five years old on September 6.

JOINING THE ranks of the retired during September and October were the eleven employes pictured here who had 40 or more years of transit service each.

M. T. KLAUER
46 Years

E. J. CUMMINGS
48 Years

E. W. RIEDEL
45 Years

R. C. LAYTON
44 Years

J. S. FINLAY
45 Years

E. K. PETERSON
42 Years

J. LOGAY
42 Years

C. C. SCAPPUCCI
43 Years

R. R. SIERS
40 Years

W. R. BRADLEY
42 Years

S. G. LINDROTH
41 Years

# NEW PENSIONERS

MAURICE AHERN, Bus Repairer, 77th Street, Emp. 4-3-43
THOMAS A. BELAND, Ticket Agent, South Section, Emp. 7-8-47
LAWRENCE A. BENNETT, Supervisor, District D, Emp. 2-6-36
NEAL BENSON, Car Repairman, Wilson Shops, Emp. 8-1-45
WILLIAM E. BOHLEN, Operator, Lawndale, Emp. 1-9-36
SAMUEL BONOMA, Bus Serviceman, 77th Street, Emp. 4-21-42
WALLACE R. BRADLEY, Operator, North Park, Emp. 10-26-28
JOSEPH T. BRENNAN, Clerk, South Section, Emp. 8-22-45
JOHN P. BUERGERMEIER, Operator, Beverly, Emp. 6-26-29
WILLIAM C. BUETOW, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 8-17-37
EDWARD J. CUMMINGS, Buyer, Purchasing, Emp. 5-1-23
OLIVER J. DAVIS Jr., Operator, Beverly, Emp. 2-20-36
WILLIAM P. DEVEREUX, Schedule Maker, Schedule-Traffic, Emp. 10-8-28
DAVID J. DOWNES, Operator, 69th Street, Emp. 11-18-42
MARIAN FILIP, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 1-24-59
JOHN S. FINLAY, B Electrician, Electrical, Emp. 9-9-26
WILLIAM H. FOERSTNER, Operator, Limits, Emp. 8-26-42
EARL C. FOSTER, Janitor, North Section, Emp. 1-10-46
RICHARD C. GISINER, Security Officer, Security, Emp. 6-10-41
RAYMOND L. GORDON, Conductor, West Section, Emp. 2-27-43
WALTER A. GORZ, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 9-3-36
MARTIN GRIFFIN, Shopman II, Skokie Shops, Emp. 8-2-43
EMERY F. HAYDEN, Operator, North Park, Emp. 11-19-45
ROLAND B. HEAD, Clerk, North Avenue, Emp. 6-24-42
WILLIS W. HELFRICH, Assistant Secretary, Transit Board, Emp. 4-7-34
RAYMOND J. JANICKE, Car Serviceman, Kimball Shop, Emp. 11-18-36
MICHAEL J. JOYCE, Bus Repairer, North Park, Emp. 4-22-37
IRVIN KALOUSEK, Electrical Worker A, South Shops, Emp. 8-29-45
MICHAEL KEANE, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 4-14-43
JAMES J. KIELY, Station Engineer, South Shops, Emp. 6-16-48
MARGARET V. KINSEY, Power Clerk, Electrical, Emp. 1-25-43
MARION KLAUER, Release Clerk I, Claim, Emp. 2-16-25

STANLEY A. LaVAND, Token Clerk I, Treasury, Emp. 11-1-41
RALPH C. LAYTON, Operator, Beverly, Emp. 5-5-27
STERNER G. LINDROTH, Information Clerk, Executive, Emp. 10-29-29
JOHN LOGAY, Superintendent, 69th Street, Emp. 7-12-29
PATRICK J. LOGUE, Janitor, Limits, Emp. 1-9-47
FRED F. LOITZ, Order Control Clerk, Stores, Emp. 12-13-26
JAMES J. LYNAM, Operator, Kedzie, Emp. 2-18-42
MARY McDONNELL, Ticket Agent, South Section, Emp. 3-13-42
FULTON M. NEALY, Car Repairman, 61st Street, Emp. 12-30-35
LESTER L. NELAND, Operator, North Park, Emp. 2-24-34
EDWARD J. NESTOR, Machinist, South Shops, Emp. 1-12-46
MARY E. NOLAN, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 12-13-43
JOHN J. OCHOTA, Collector, Archer, Emp. 9-2-43
PHILIP O'CONNOR, Foreman, Limits, Emp. 2-22-36
EDWARD J. O'NEILL, Truck Repairman, South Shops, Emp. 12-10-45
LUIS ONTIVEROS, Trackman II, Engineering, Emp. 9-11-46
RAYMOND R. PARKER, Operator, Archer, Emp. 5-15-43
EARL K. PETERSON, Superintendent, Forest Glen, Emp. 7-6-29
BURCHARD W. POGUE, Line Supervisor, Operations Control, Emp. 11-3-42
FRANK RANIERI, Trackman I, Engineering, Emp. 6-2-41
ELMER W. RIEDEL, Chief Clerk, Keeler, Emp. 9-23-25
JOHN C. ROBINSON, Operator, 69th Street, Emp. 10-22-53
JOHN RYBAKOWSKI, Ticket Agent, South Section, Emp. 10-24-45
CAMILLO C. SCAPPUCCI, Plumber, Engineering, Emp. 8-20-28
RAYMOND R. SIERS, Operator, 62nd Substation, Emp. 9-2-30
WILLIAM A. SMITH, Supervisor, District A, Emp. 6-28-44
ADOLPH T. STRANSKI, Bus Serviceman, Archer, Emp. 4-22-47
ALBERT M. THOENSING, Operator, Kedzie, Emp. 8-11-41
ERWIN E. TRESKETT, Gateman, North Section, Emp. 3-6-46
JOHN J. TULLY, Trackman II, Engineering, Emp. 6-18-36
RALPH M. VENN, Operator, Limits, Emp. 1-12-42
JOSEPH C. VOGEL, Inspector, Special Investigations, Emp. 1-1-50
PATRICK J. WALSH, Machinist, South Shops, Emp. 3-20-43
RAYMOND M. WALSH, Supervisor, District A, Emp. 6-12-41
WESLEY S. WILSON, Laborer, Skokie Shops, Emp. 9-16-41
ANTHONY C. ZIENTEK, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 5-12-47

## DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

THOMAS A. COGLIANESE, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 1-16-43
EARL J. GILBERT, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 12-27-60
DAVID J. HARTFORD, Operator, Archer, Emp. 2-2-50
HOY M. HUSTON, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 2-20-48
JAMES KEEGAN, Painter, Engineering, Emp. 6-12-61
RAYMOND H. LUSTRO, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 6-23-43
JONAS N. ROCHELLE, Laborer, Engineering, Emp. 6-2-43
KARL D. SCHWARTZ, Traffic Checker, Schedule-Traffic, Emp. 6-23-43
HAROLD W. STEDMAN, Janitor, South Section, Emp. 11-16-42
MICHAEL P. TOBIN, Assignment Agent, Loop, Emp. 5-15-46

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Wally celebrated by taking his family to the rail museum and Brookfield Zoo. The zoo is Wally's favorite place, especially around feeding time.

*- Regina Daren & Eileen Neurauter*

**KEELER -**

Hi all you wonderful people. The first order of business is to extend a big thank you to CLARENCE McLLOYD for pinch-hitting for the column while I walked back from Las Vegas. I'm sure you all enjoyed a young man's view of the news. Mac will be stepping in on other occasions...All the scribes and their spouses were given the "red carpet" treatment at the annual Transit News dinner. WILBUR HENRY, Transit News scribe at Forest Glen, kept our table swinging, together with JAMES MARSHALL of Lawndale, and our old buddy, AMOS FOSTER of Beverly and his lovely wife. Everyone was duly impressed with our new CTA Board Chairman MICHAEL CAFFERTY. CTA has to be really on the move with a man of his capabilities at the helm. I know we will all give him our full support...Keeler was really aglow with celebrities for the farewell party held for Chief Clerk ELMER RIEDEL when he retired on September 1. Superintendent R. W. CHRISTIAN hosted the gala affair which was attended by men from throughout the system, as well as retirees. There were plenty of refreshments, and even live entertainment. Although Elmer only had 45 years of service, we all wish him a happy and healthful retirement life...I goofed again. I didn't return from vacation until after deadline time, so I am really behind in my news coverage. I extend belated birthday greetings to Operators PYZNA, JEFFRIES, HUSBAND, REMBACK, SAILS, LABERN, NIMYLOWYCZ, HARPER, LEE,

MILLER, JEPSON, SIMMONS, YANCEY, OTT, DORSCH, NELSON, DUPONT, PAGANO, O'SHEA, CUMMINGS, SIHWEIL, HARRIS, and YARRINGTON.,.JANETTE made papa O. HAMPTON and his wife, ADDIE, proud parents on July 26...Would you believe that Operator STANLEY JOZWIAK, our number one man at Keeler, finally has his first grandson, through the courtesy of his son, RONALD...Our sincere sympathy is extended to Operator S. BARATH whose father passed away in Hungary. Also to the family of Operator CAJDA who recently passed away. He will certainly be missed by all the fellows at Keeler...Get well wishes are sent to all our sick and shut-ins. Special wishes to Janitor ZELKE. Keep swinging, Zelke, we're all in your corner... Our wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to NELLIE GOLDMAN who has been hospitalized for quite some time. So, fellows, say a kind word to Janitor SY GOLDMAN for he has been under a very dark cloud much too long.

*- Ernest C. Carter*

**KEDZIE -**

Now that most of us have had our vacations and are back to work, I would like to hear about your trips so I can put them in our column...I received a card from F. VESELY who is now on pension and living in Arizona. His address is: 1200 - 7th avenue, Yuma, Arizona...I also received a letter from HENRY NELSON who is enjoying life down in Florida. His address is: 12651 Seminole boulevard, Lot 7C, Largo, Florida...Your reporter has a pullout from South Shops every day, and I saw L. BEAVER who used to work on Jackson boulevard, and BENNY PLATT. They said to tell all the fellows at Kedzie hello...Operator GLENN SEPKE took his pension on July 1. He said he was just going to relax and enjoy himself with his lovely wife, EVELYN. Operator L. GASKILL also took his pension on July 1 after 29 years of service. We here at Kedzie wish both of you the best of everything...As of this writing, Operator J. LOCACIUS is on the sick list, and Operator A. SHEVCHUK is in Oak Park hospital...Our deepest sympathy is extended to T. J. HEFFERNAN whose lovely wife, CATHERINE, was laid to rest on August 14 at Queen of Heaven cemetery.

*- Raymond Graham*

**LAWNDALE -**

We've been receiving numerous post cards from our vacationing personnel, and here are a few acknowledgements. RON McINTYRE is enjoying himself on Paradise Island in the Bahamas; EDWARD STRUGALLA is losing lightly in Las Vegas; JOHN DANIEL is touring the night spots on Sunset Strip, California; TOMMIE JACKSON's relaxing in Oakland, California, and LEON MINOR and EDDIE BAINES are touring the southland...Superintendent JACK MORRIS and his lovely wife recently returned from a lovely two-week stay at Wolf River, Wisconsin...RUSS GUNDERSON jumped up and went on vacation, but left the station in the capable hands of BILL KELLY...Right On! I've never taken the game of golf very seriously, but whenever I want some pointers, I always look to JOHN PATER who won the 1971 golf tournament sponsored by the CTA and Division 241. John, who not long ago returned from Acapulco, Mexico, and was sharpening himself up for this match, admits that his recent trip helped him a lot. While John doesn't call himself a pro, as I've always called him, he admits he's looking forward to the Masters...On August 8 Amvet Post 247 held it's annual family-day picnic at Green Lake Forest Preserve and it was a huge success, with Lawndale being well represented...With the winning of various awards this year by the men of our station, Lawndale seems to be the station of champions. Even though we may fall short on some ends of a sport, we still rank number one with Superintendent JACK MORRIS. Speaking with Mr. Morris recently, he encouraged all the men of Lawndale to give a maximum effort whether it be his job or in sports. You, the men of Lawndale Station, have made your superintendent very proud of you in many ways, so let's all keep up the good work and continue to be the station of champions... Don't forget, fellows, that the Lawndale credit union is there to help you whenever possible. JOE NOLAN, BILL KLECKA, and JOHN DANIEL will give you all the help you need when their services are called upon...We wish JIM RITTENBERG a speedy recovery from his recent heart attack. Get well soon, Jim...Well, fellows, until next month--happy birthday, and remember your anniversaries. ..On September 10, Mrs. MARSHALL and I attended a dinner held for the Transit News scribes at the M&M Club in the Merchandise Mart. CTA Board Chairman MICHAEL CAFFERTY and his wife were also in attendance at the dinner. Mr. Cafferty spoke of "The New CTA" now being formed. He expressed a desire to meet all 12,000 employees of the CTA, so he is visiting various work locations. So don't be surprised, men of Lawndale, if one day you look up and see the Chairman of the Board...Superintendent JACK MORRIS would like to remind everyone that we've got to check ourselves on accidents. He spoke to me on this matter recently as he wants all of us to be more aware of our sudden impulses. We have two streets in our station where most of our accidents are occurring, namely Blue Island-26th and Kimball-Homan. So let's follow the advice of our superintendent by using better judgement when snap decisions are called for. We're also reminded that safety is of top priority in our line of work, so watch carefully for kids, and slow down when streets are wet. . . Operator DOUGLAS CAMPBELL has been touring the East. His first card was from Washington, D.C. He stated that he was going to see the President about getting some new buses for North Damen and Kimball-Homan. The next card was from the 21,000 foot level of Cove Mountain, Pennsylvania, where he flatly stated that there were no buses. Since his first card, plans to purchase more new buses have been announced, so I wonder what influence Douglas had with the President?..Those having birthdays this month are: P. MOLFESE, B. HORNS, E. HOUSTON, J. GALVIN, T. PHILLIPS. G. KNIGHTEN, J. WILLIAMS, M. SANDERS, T. ARTIS, J. ZDENOVEC, F. SCHAEFER, W. WIESE, L. MORTON, A. HADAC, N. SANDERS. P. KUREK, W. NORWOOD, C. DAVIS, C. COBURN, G. GLADMAN, and C. WHITE...So until next month, so long for now.

*- James Marshall*

**LIMITS -**

Vacations are about over and the men who enjoyed their summer holidays are back to work and looking forward to next summer...Operator JOE DORNSIEFER had an enjoyable time in Las Vegas and Arizona...ILMAR GRAUDINS and his family toured the Scandinavian countries and were impressed with the breathtaking beauty of Norway...SAM WILSON spent his time down in Georgia where he owns a peach farm. He reports that the crop was in abundance...

L. M. LeDREE visited northern Minnesota where the fishing was excellent, but the weather was cold enough to wear winter clothing...JOHN KANE, WILLIAM SPEER, and RICHARD PEISKAR went to their favorite fishing grounds in Butternot, Wisconsin, and caught their usual quota of fish. They also visited Pensioner GEORGE CLARK, former Transit News scribe for Limits, in Loda, Illinois. George had his leg amputated last year and received an artificial limb in January. He is now learning to use it and is able to be on it for a few hours at a time. He sends his best regards to all the men at Limits...HARRY TILK, box puller, was down in Springfield, Illinois, fishing and visiting friends and relatives...MARY SULLIVAN, our congenial and happy bus cleaner, went to New York City where she enjoyed a family reunion. Mary has 27 years of service with CTA and is our only woman bus cleaner left...We extend a warm welcome to Operator EDWARD WADE to Limits Station. Wade comes from a family of former CTA employees...LEO MILANETTO is back to work after being off for some time due to illness...LOU GEISHEIMER is still on the inactive list due to illness, and Supervisor JACK BURKE is still on the critical list after having brain surgery. We wish them both a speedy recovery...We welcome Supervisor JOHN LOHRMAN at Schubert and Clark. John took over the duties of HENRY GOETZ who retired on August 1...HENRY ZYCH is our new chief clerk replacing JOHN SIMCO who transferred to Keeler Station. DENNIS KOSTECK is one of our new clerks. Welcome, men...Congratulations to all the men in the repair department for winning the safety award presented by management...Our sincerest sympathy to Operator SINES in the death of his mother...Superintendent M. DeWITT has taken up his duties as superintendent at Forest Glen Station. We all wish you the best. Limits' loss is Forest Glen's gain...VERN RAGE is our new chief clerk. We all hope that your stay with us will be a long and pleasant one...LUCAS DANIELE is the new president of Limits Credit Union. Congratulations and best wishes...RALPH VENN and GEORGE SINGER took their pensions. These two men had combined service of 80 years. Congratulations...VIRGIL WOLFE and his dear wife came to Chicago from their Nashville, Tennessee, home for a visit with Operator JOHN PAAKONEN and his dear wife, MARGE. They sent their best wishes to all of the men at Limits and North Park...Supervisor GENE ADAMS is back on the active list after a long siege of illness. We all wish you a long and healthful life.

*- R. S. Benson*

**LOOP -**

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Agent JULIA MATTRAN whose mother passed away last month. Also to Foot Collector KAULES whose brother passed away on September 1...We were all greatly shocked to learn of the death of Retired Agent MILDRED LEMIEUX on September 15. Our sympathy to her family and friends...Welcome back to Agent ANITA BANNISTER. We are happy to have you off the disability list and back on the job...Still on the sick list are: Agents ELEANOR HASBROUCK, EARL GILBERT, and AGATHA CARLSON, and Janitor Gang Leader STEVE CUNNINGHAM who is in the hospital for surgery. We are hoping they will all be healthy and back with us very soon. Our thoughts are with you...Happy first anniversary to Former Student Agent TOM BARRETT and his lovely wife, August 1...Student Agent EDDIE FERRARO and Former Student Agent NORA DONOVAN were married on August 21 at St. Edmund's church in Oak Park. A reception for family and friends was held at the Oak Park Arms. May you have many happy years together...Agent DOROTHY ADLER went to New York on August 26 to visit her daughter and brand new twin granddaughters, SANDRA LYNNE who weighed in at 4 pounds 13 ounces, and BARBARA CHRISTINE who tipped the scales at 3 pounds 14 ounces. The babies, parents, and grandma are all doing fine. Dorothy has her grandma brag-book loaded with pictures already...Retired Agent MARION KAAD spent her vacation visiting her mother and sister in St. Louis. Retired Agent LILLIAN CONROY went to Scottsdale, Arizona, to enjoy a visit with an old classmate. Keep moving, girls, and have fun...Agent JUNE BAREKMAN started out the month of August with a second vacation trip, this time to Louisville, Kentucky...Agent ELAINE COLE had such a great time in Los Angeles, California, last year that she took the same trip again this year...Agent FRED FRIEB spent his vacation in California, also...Student Agent OWEN SCANLON planned a six-week visit with his parents in County Mayo, Ireland. Owen hasn't seen them in eight years. What a glorious reunion that was...Agents MARY GALLAGHER and EILEEN CARMODY also spent their vacation in Ireland...Agent DOROTHY DISMANG and her son had a wonderful three-week vacation in Florida. They traveled in style in Dorothy's air-conditioned car...Agent BEVERLY PEOPLES and her son flew to California for a two-week stay. They visited Knotts Berry Farm, Disneyland, and Marineland. Beverly came back tired and broke but with memories to keep her smiling...Agent W. STRASSER and his wife went to Twin Mountain, New Hampshire, and Barre, Vermont, where they inspected the Rock of Ages granite quarry. This is the largest granite quarry in the world and is 350 feet deep. Wilbur came back in good health this year. Stay that way...Student Agent TOM COZZI was selected by his professor to be his assistant at Loyola university. If Tom decides to leave us and take this job he will be missed by all of us. Good luck, Tom, whatever your decision may be...Student Agent GABE BARNES joined the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve on September 20. Keep in touch, Gabe...Co-reporter MARY WIXTED spent her three-week vacation at the Dells in Wisconsin, Thunder Lake in Michigan, and a delightful week basking in the fresh air, sunshine, and swimming in the pool at the home of her brother and sister-in-law in Hinsdale, Illinois...Retired Chief Clerk HARRY BAKER celebrated his 71st birthday on August 14. He looks great and feels fit as a fiddle. May you enjoy many more happy years, Harry...Retired Platform Man JAMES MALKUS and his wife celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 26 by renewing marriage vows at St. Cyril and Methodius church. A reception followed after the 11 o'clock mass. Good luck and good health for many more years to come...Clerk JOE MARKOS is very proud of his daughter who was graduated from grammar school in June and is now a freshman at Taft High school. Joe beams with pride as he tells you of her high grades...Speaking of daughters and school, Agent BILL CUSACK finds being both father and mother to daughter, NORA LANE, can be quite hectic. Bill had to take her for her pre-school medical checkup, and then on to the stores to spend his hard-earned money on new clothes for school. We bet young Miss Cusack will be the best-dressed girl in school. We happen to know that "Norrie" is the apple of her daddy's eye...Thanks to all responsible for the lovely dinner and enjoyable evening we reporters had at the M&M Club in the Merchandise Mart on September 10. A very special thank you to Editor BOB HEINLEIN and F. C. KNAUTZ, superintendent of Public and

Employee Relations, who personally escorted us on a tour of the Control rooms and offices in the Mart and explained all operations in detail. It was such a pleasure to get together again and to have the pleasure of meeting Mr. and Mrs. MICHAEL CAFFERTY, our CTA Board Chairman. We can hardly wait for next year to do it again...Someone is missing at the Addison-Kennedy Station. It's DOROTHY PARKER who is enjoying two weeks of well-deserved vacation rest. When Dorothy reads this and sees "rest", she will really laugh...Sorry to hear that Agent BETTY SEGERSON had such bad luck going to work one morning. But we were glad to learn Betty is coming along real well... Your Co-reporter MILDRED DOYLE's second oldest grandson just joined the Cub Scouts. Now there are two little men trying for the trophy this year in the Pinewood Derby. It's good that they are in different packs. Their dads are working real hard with them. The oldest is DAVID DOYLE and the youngest is DANNY DEMPSEY.

*- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wirted*

**MILWAUKEE, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -**

The news will be a little on the short side this month due to the fact that so many are still on vacations, and your co-reporter, KATY MORIARTY, has been running the new pick. We are hoping to have more news for you next month...Congratulations to DELL HARRINGTON who was united in holy matrimony on July 22 to JOE NOVAK. Dell has resigned from CTA to become a full-time housewife. We all wish her the best of luck and many happy years of marriage. Dell sent a card to the Jefferson Park Station thanking everyone for all their well wishes... HELEN CHRISTENER celebrated her birthday on August 4, and she and her husband took a three-day trip to Baltimore, Maryland, and Washington, D.C., where they visited the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and the U.S. Treasury, and said they weren't giving away any samples. I wonder why? On July 6 Helen gained another daughter-in-law when KAREN CORLISS left CTA to travel to California where she was wed to Lance Corporal JOHN CHRISTENER. Congratulations, John and Karen, and we wish you many years of happiness together...ADAM WAAS had a three-week vacation and watched his grandson, JEFFERY INTERVIA, win the championship trophy in a little league baseball game in Addison, Illinois...ED ROHDE spent two weeks of vacation traveling and visited the Mississippi Palisades near the Iowa border...Student Agent R. MISCHKE traveled to Phoenix, Arizona, on August 2 looking for an apartment and then left in September to teach high school mathematics there...On August 1, your co-reporter, GRACE MOUNTS, and her husband and daughter went to Ladoga, Indiana, for a family reunion with 63 people in attendance. On August 8, they went to another reunion in Holland, Michigan, where 81 attended. These picnics can ruin a person's figure...Congratulations to Former Student Agent NORA DONOVAN who was recently married to EDDIE FERRARO. We wish the two of you many years of happiness...We hope all the people who had birthdays in August enjoyed their days off as much as FRANK CULL did on August 12...There was quite a bit of movement on the pick this time, but your co-reporter, GRACE MOUNTS, managed to stay at Irving Park on the Kennedy. You can contact me there Tuesday through Saturday, so please keep the news coming...Instructor BLAIR has returned from a much-needed vacation...SUZZANE C. ADAMS, the daughter of Receiver EDWARD ADAMS, 54th Street, is attending Quincy college in Quincy, Illinois...MARY MORGAN is home with a broken foot. Get well soon, Mary...We extend our deepest sympathy to JULIA MATTRAN on the loss of her mother; to Collector KAULES on the loss of his brother, and to Superintendent JOHN ZUPKO on the loss of his aunt...Student Agent STANLEY BULLARD was an all-american forward for Simson Vocational High school and is now attending Kennedy-King college where he will try to repeat his high school performance...We are all happy to see ELEANOR HASBROUCK back to work after a long illness. Glad to have you back, Eleanor, and hope you stay well...Agent FRED FRIEB and his brother BILL, a North Park bus operator, flew to Covina, California, to celebrate their mother's 74th birthday. It turned out being a family reunion. After Fred returned he and his lovely wife, BETTY, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a luau at their home.

*- Grace Mounts & Katy Moriarty*

**NORTH AVENUE -**

We received a welcome letter from Pensioner LARS PEARSON and his spouse, ANNA. Their daughter and son-in-law are now living at their resort and are open for business. If you are going down to Mountain Home, Arkansas, it is a fine place to stay. It is the Carlton Resort on Cranfield road, which is on Lake Norfolk...Pensioner JOE HIEBEL found Maine both beautiful and good for fishing. He also stopped off at Algona, Wisconsin, for some fishing. It's a fine way to enjoy living, just traveling and fishing... My son, DAVID MIEDEMA, will celebrate his 13th birthday on September 27. Another son, Clerk WAYNE MIEDEMA, celebrated his 26th birthday on October 10. Your scribe will be 39, again, on October 26...The following true fishing story comes from Operator CHARLES STROKIS. "While fishing off Port Washington, Wisconsin, my brother, RICH STROKIS, and his wife, SHIRL, and I hooked into 13 fish, landing four of them. One was a 27 pound chinook salmon. It was 37 inches long and 26 inches in girth and took 13 minutes to land. What a great fish it was when we got it in the boat. My brother is having it mounted. The other fish were a 12 pound 8 ounce coho and a 4 pound rainbow. Oh, yes, this all happened on Friday the 13th." We hope to get a picture of this catch. Has Charley been attending Operator PETE MADIA's fishing classes?..And now to my co-reporter, Switchboard Operator WALTER BLIX, and the news from the Inner Sanctum...This month's news takes a change of pace. We're not at all sure whether it will make the column better or worse, but we do know that in addition to having our nose to the grindstone we have also had an ear to the wall and an eye to the keyhole. Our news not only covers the front office, but also the District Office upstairs, the janitor's office, the instructor's room, to say nothing of bits and pieces that come from talking to people on the phone...Operator L. A. DOVICHI has returned from what he termed, "A meeting of the Blue and the Gray", in the State of Missouri...Another armed service reunion was held in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and attended by Supervisor S. PERCE along with his family...The air-conditioned Ozarks around Bull Shoals played host to Supervisor HICKS and his family...Supervisor COMENS is considering holding classes on, "How to run out of gas in a Volkswagen."..Supervisor WHELEHAN and his gang headed towards Glenwood Springs, Colorado...Two of our "genial" instructors have also been on the go. JERRY KNOPP and his family returned some time ago from the land of the pineapples and

hula, and Instructor ED JURCZAK and his Mrs. are back from Mexico. After watching Ed do the polka with PAUL WINKOWSKI up at Forest Glen, we're sure he was able to master the Mexican hat dance while on his vacation. Speaking of Forest Glen's number one instructor, we understand Paul's been on the sick list again. All of us that know or have worked with him are hoping for his complete recovery...Chief Clerk FRED MURBARGER's vacation alternated between the States of Minneosta and New York...If we don't get around to congratulating Clerk TOM HICKEY on his becoming a grandfather real soon, it'll almost be time for the youngster to get married. Sorry about that, Tom, we'll make sure it doesn't happen again. Has anyone figured out why they call Tom and ED WITEK twins? They sure don't resemble each other. We wonder, would it have anything to do with the sick book?..We'd like to apologize to Switchboard Operator ED MAKOWSKI for goofing up his name in our last column. Oh, well, you can't win them all.

Your reporters wish to thank management for the delicious dinner and pleasant evening at the M&M Club for the Transit News reporters. Walter didn't eat for two days before so he'd have room for everything, and he did. I enjoyed visiting with many old friends and I met Pensioner VIGGO WINDFELD's daughter and son-in-law, the HENKES from the North Section...Pensioner BILL ECHOLS is home from the hospital and recuperating slowly. We send him our prayers and best wishes...Pensioner ERNEST BOCK and his wife, EMILY, became grandparents again when KEVIN LEE FRANCIS was born to their daughter, JOAN, and her husband. Congratulations!..On October 1 a new name will be added to the list of pensioners, Operator WILLIAM BUETOW. We wish him the best of everything. Keep in touch, Bill...We received a welcome letter from Pensioner VIGGO WINDFELD. He and his spouse are vacationing at Marion, Illinois. He visited Pensioner HERMAN NEELY who is at the Good Shepherd Nursing home at Eldorado, Illinois. Viggo's brother, AKSEL WINDFELD, is living with a daughter and son-in-law in New Providence, New Jersey. Viggo sends his warmest regards to all...Operator JEROME DUBIN and his better half vacationed at Palo Duro Canyon in Texas. Jerry says they enjoyed the best of everything...We are sorry to report the death of Pensioner LAWRENCE KEESHIN on August 20. Our sympathy goes to the family. Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you that where I am, there ye may be also."..Now to the Inner Sanctum with co-reporter WALTER BLIX. First of all, I would like to extend sincere thanks to F. C. KNAUTZ, BOB HEINLEIN, MEL ALEXANDER, and others responsible for the reporter's dinner. It was an enjoyable evening. A high spot was being introduced to Mr. and Mrs. MICHAEL CAFFERTY. It is our personal opinion that the CTA was very fortunate in obtaining Mr. Cafferty's services as a Board Chairman. Mrs. Cafferty is indeed a very charming and happy young lady and her presence made the evening all the more enjoyable. The dinner also made it possible to renew old friendships, among those being: RAY GRAHAM from Kedzie with whom we worked many years ago and AMOS FOSTER of Beverly who told anyone who cared to listen, "Here's the man who taught me to drive a bus." Being introduced to MELVIN HORNING of North Park was somewhat like "meeting the competition." My partner, BILL MIEDEMA and I were fortunate in sharing a table with Mr. and Mrs. ELCOSIE GRESHAM of 77th and Mr. and Mrs. KRAMER. TERRI is the gal who scrapes up all the news from the Law Department. Once again, thanks for a most enjoyable evening, see you all again next year...

The deck of cards has been shuffled and cut. When they were dealt, this is the way they came out. With the retirement of J. LOGAY of 69th, his place was taken by G. D. PEYTON. Our own day superintendent, WILLIAM MOSER, went a little further south to take over the same job at Archer. This brought us BOB KEAG from North Park. We would like to spread the welcome mat and wish Mr. Keag lots of luck as our new boss. Having worked for him a good many years ago we can pass this word on to everybody: Mr. Keag will do his best to do a good job here at North Avenue. He'll be fair with all of you, but like any other superintendent, we suggest don't step on his toes. ALEC JOHNSON went to North Park as day superintendent. VIC JOHNSON who had been relief superintendent replaced him at Forest Glen. WILLIAM PARNUM now has the relief job. We definitely don't want to overlook JAMES BROGAN who was appointed senior station instructor here at North Avenue. A last minute bit of news is that there will be one other change. EARL PETERSON, day superintendent at Forest Glen, has finally sold his home and is retiring. He and Mrs. Peterson will be heading for the sunny climes of the State of Arizona. The man who will take over the number one command post at Forest Glen will be none other than a gentleman who is well-known to all of us, MILES DeWITT. Good luck to all of you!..Our calorie-laden birthday greetings this month are extended to Assistant Superintendent WARD CHAMBERLAIN, Clerk AL ROHDE (number one man of the Elkhorn, Wisconsin, Chamber of Commerce), and last, but not least, our genial P.M. custodian, TOM HURLEY. Many happy returns to all of you. We should offer belated birthday greetings to ROLAND HEAD, who along with his Mrs., took off for a life in the Florida sunshine on his birthday last August 28. Good luck to both of you...My wife and I had the good fortune to renew acquaintances with Retired Operator (from Keeler) FRANK CALDERONE and his Mrs. He looks the picture of health and says he really enjoys being on pension. They had been to the track and he had lost 20 cents. They will celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary on November 24. Best wishes to you both...Having your car stolen on your wedding night isn't the nicest thing that could happen to you, but that's exactly what happened to Relief Clerk BOB STACH's lovely daughter, JUDY. Fortunately it was returned with not too many parts missing. We're sure the young couple won't have any trouble remembering their anniversary date...Retired Switchboard Operator CHARLEY SCHMIDT was a recent visitor to the office. Says he's doing OK now that he has his new glasses. He and his Mrs. send their best regards to everyone...BOB GUTHRIE, the genial clerk of District C, tells us that he spent an enjoyable "honey do" vacation. We've all had that kind, but all kidding aside, Bob did say that he honestly enjoyed his vacation just doing nothing. Sometimes that's the best kind to have...You are so right if you think the fellow manning the information booth on the 7th floor of the Mart looks familiar. He happens to be our good friend CHARLEY (Silent Sam) OLCIKAS, former District C supervisor who is now back on the job after being off for some time with a little ticker trouble...See you all purty soon.

*- William Miedema & Walter Blix*

**NORTH SECTION -**

Kimball Avenue Station Superintendent BILL ROONEY and his wife spent part of their vacation at Sunny Brook Farm Resort in South Haven, Michigan, where they had fun

in the sun...North Side Clerk ERWIN HARMON was off work due to an injury he received while playing ball. Seems he sprained his finger catching a fly ball, but the CTA ball team he manages won the game anyway...Supervisor BOB JANZ had his vacation, but stayed home trying to be a fix-it man; which means he worked harder at home than on the job (just kidding)...North Section Station Superintendent M. V. LaVELLE and his family vacationed in the southwestern part of the country. Hunting and fishing in Colorado and the Rocky Mountains, visiting Taos, New Mexico, and driving through Texas and Oklahoma. Mr. LaVelle said it was a wonderful, rewarding trip...Agent E. FIFE and her husband, ART, went to Las Vegas for one week and to Milwaukee for a weekend. Seems her husband was quite lucky at Vegas, and they managed to come back with their shirts...Kimball Avenue Motorman JAMES QUON and his family spent one week of his vacation motoring in Wisconsin...We wish to welcome D. MARTINO and D. MARENO to the ranks of North Side janitors...North Side Trainman N. SIMMONS and Miss MARTHY A. BROWN were married on September 4 at ceremonies held in Gary, Indiana. To the newlyweds we wish a long and happy marriage...Congratulations to J. J. CUNNINGHAM and Miss FRANCES KELLY who were married on August 20 at De Paul Catholic church. J. J. is a car repairman at Howard, and the best man at the ceremonies was STEVE GUNNINGHAM, janitor gang leader. Maid of honor was KAY LYNCH, sister of the bride. The reception was held at the Como Inn. The bridegroom is looking forward to going muskie fishing in October at Haywood, Wisconsin...Agent ANNABELLE DREW went vacationing in Los Angeles, California, and Colorado Springs. She visited with her sister in Los Angeles. Annabelle said she had a wonderful visit and a wonderful flight...North Side Clerk R. LANGLOIS was off work due to a sprained ankle he received while climbing from the trains in the Linden yard...At this writing Clerk ORLANDO MENICUCCI is a patient in the Forkosh hospital with a throat ailment. We hope it is nothing serious, as Menne has a wonderful singing voice. We wish him a speedy recovery...Operator FRED LOEBBAKA became ill on the job and was taken to St. Francis hospital in Evanston. We wish him a speedy recovery. Fred is the brother of North Side Clerk LOUIS (Red) LOEBBAKA...Pensioner LOVETTE E. BENTLEY says hello to her friends on the North Section, especially Agents ELSIE RIEMER and LILLIAN EDEL, and Pensioners M. E. DOERGE and JENNY McCLAIN. Lovette moved recently to 247 East Alice avenue, Apt. 3, Phoenix, Arizona 85020. She'd be very happy to receive letters from all her friends who wish to write... Congratulations to Retired Conductor RICHARD BARTELS and his wife, BERTHA, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on September 24. The Bartels reside in St. Petersburg, Florida.

*- Tina Henke*

**NORTH PARK -**

The Division 241 golf outing held on July 19 at St. Andrew's was enjoyed by all who attended. Committee members FRANK LASKE and BILL LARSEN are to be commended for their fine handling of this event. Operator RICHARD GUSTAFSON won the trophy that North Park awards to the golfer turning in the depot's low net score... Operator HAROLD SEDIN spent two weeks in Mobile, Alabama, visiting his daughter, GEORGINA CLOUGH, and her husband, BILL, and their seven children. Bill, a retired naval chief petty officer, and Harold engaged in several rounds of golf and a few fishing excursions while in Mobile. ..Clerk JOE DI GIOVANNI and his wife, CONNIE, vacationed at Carlinsville, Illinois, where his brother, NICK, and his wife, MARY, reside. Also on the agenda were visits to Rockford, Lake Geneva, and Milwaukee...Operator DON HEANEY and Clerk FRANK ZABOROWSKI spent a week fishing on Callahan Lake at Hayward, Wisconsin. Don and Frank reported that the fishing was good, but the Cutty Sark was in slow supply...Street Collector RAY KRUML can be found three nights a week at the Hub roller rink where he is regarded as one of the finest roller skaters in the Chicago area...Street Collector NICK GASPER, his wife, MARY, and their daughter, SHARON, vacationed at Lake Winneconna, Wisconsin, where the fishing was excellent. Returning home, the Gaspers then traveled to College Park, Maryland, to visit Nick's brother, Doctor CARL GASPER. Leaving Maryland, they traveled to Santa Fe, New Mexico...Operator LE ROY CARR spent two weeks with a group of scouts at the Namakokon Scout reservation located north of Spooner, Wisconsin. Le Roy's object was to teach the scouts cooking, canoeing, camping, and lashing. While on several canoe trips Le Roy caught his share of large mouth bass...Operator CHARLEY KEMP and his wife, HELEN, and their son, GARY, spent their vacation at their summer home in Brookside, Wisconsin, where a trout stream runs along their property. They enjoyed several fine trout dinners...Operator LYNN BUTLER and his wife, ANN, along with their new camper trailer, vacationed at Minocqua, Wisconsin. The Butlers, who enjoy camping out, reported that they enjoyed meeting people from all over the U.S.A. at the different camping sites around the country...Operator JUNIOR BROADBENT, at this writing, is at home convalescing from recent surgery and hopes to be back to work soon...Operator TED KINDERMAN has been off sick for three months and his wife, MARGIE, has had major surgery. We at the depot wish this grand couple a rapid recovery...Operator LES ISAACSON and his wife, ROSELLE, became the proud parents of their first child when a daughter named LENA MICHELLE was born on July 18 at Weiss Memorial hospital weighing 7 pounds 4 ounces...Supervisor HENRY (Red) GOETZ retired on July 31 after 36 years of service. Henry, who is moving to Taycheedah, Wisconsin, P. O. Box 85, invites his many friends to stop by and visit. In appreciation of the gift Henry received from his friends, he would like to convey his sincere thanks to all who participated...Operator ED BOWLER retired on July 31 after 29 years of service. Ed's plans for the future are to relax and possibly a trip to Ireland...Operator EMERY HAYDEN retired on July 31 after 26 years of service as a motorman and bus operator. Emery, who lives in Rolling Meadows, Illinois, will now pursue his hobby of fishing and gardening...Carpenter ARNOLD WALKER retired on July 31 after 28 years of service as a motorman, bus operator, and carpenter. Arnold has been looking at houses in Florida, but no decision has been made as yet. ..Happy birthdays are extended to CONNIE DI GIOVANNI and PEARL KRINKE...Repair Department Chit Chat: The following are enjoying vacations at this writing and we wish them a good time: Foreman PHIL O'CONNOR, Instructor WALLY HALLFORD, LEN TROJANOWSKI, BOB JOHNSON, A. FERNANDEZ, CLEO EVANS, R. LEONHART, C. TICE, ROBERT VAN DERMEIR, Servicemen GEORGE SERRITELLA, FRANK BUGHLIO, L. BOTH, GENE DRZEWICKI, and Electrician RICHARD ROCH...Clerk EARNIE LOTITO and his family vacationed at Colorado Springs, Colorado, and throughout the West. Another outstanding job

was turned in at the garage by Clerk JOHN BILLIS who replaced Earnie...Assistant Foreman JOHN HENNELY and his wife, ANN, and daughter, MARION, drove around the Lake Michigan area and were impressed with the sights at Mackinac Island and Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan...Serviceman RED STAUNTON vacationed at Acapulco, Mexico, and had a ball water skiing and enjoying the senoritas...Serviceman TOM CHIOVINO flew to California on his vacation and enjoyed his stay at Los Angeles...Repairman LOUIS GRABOWSKI suffered a bad bruise on the lower part of his back when he was unseated on a recent horseback excursion that he did not enjoy...The garage welcome mat is extended to Repairman JOHN KASPAREK...Instructor WALTER HALLFORD and his wife, BERNICE, visited the Smoky Mountains on their vacation. Also on the agenda were visits to Mountain Home, where they stopped to see Pensioner ERNIE PIERSON, then on to Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Port Arthur, Texas...Assistant Foreman ANDY KARIOLICH traveled to New York City to visit his daughter, Mrs. DENISE FRER, his son-in-law, Dr. ANTHONY FRER, and his granddaughter, ALLISON...A hearty welcome is extended to DENNIS MARZECZ, our new combination clerk on the a.m. shift...The Transit News dinner was held at the M&M Club on September 10. It was a very nice affair, and BOB HEINLEIN and his staff should be commended for their good work in making this evening a perfect one...Congratulations are extended to the 107 operators at North Park who were selected for "Employee of the Year" awards. The names of these men are posted on the bulletin board for all to see...We take this opportunity to welcome ALEX JOHNSON back to North Park where he is now station superintendent. Mr. Johnson invites his many friends, old and new, to stop in and visit him at any time. We also wish Superintendent ROBERT KEAG continued success at North Avenue Depot where he was transferred as station superintendent. Mr. Keag would like to thank everyone for their fine efforts and cooperation while he was superintendent at North Park...The Sambruca Club of Chicago will hold their annual dinner dance on Saturday, October 30, at Chateau Royale on West Chicago avenue. The chairman of this affair will be Operator PAT SCIORTINO, assisted by Operators JOE DE SPARTA, PETE MARCHISOTTO, and SAL MUSCARELLO. The proceeds from this fine event will be used to provide scholarships for needy children...GAIL, the daughter of Serviceman GEORGE and GRACE SERITELLA, was married on Saturday, August 14, to Mr. ROBERT BORECKI at St. Edward's church. The reception was held at Mr. Kelly's on West Irving Park, and attended by 200 guests. The young couple honeymooned at Cove Haven in the Pocono mountains of Pennsylvania...JEAN and MIA VRANKEN of Beek, Holland, spent a month's vacation with Operator PETER WILLENSEN and his wife, ANNIE, Jean's sister. The Vrankens were very impressed with the many beautiful sights of Chicago...Operator SAL MUSCARELLO managed the Minor "B" Giants baseball team at Horner Park where they had 14 straight victories. Sal's son, SAL Jr., was a member of this undefeated team, and was one of the mainstays of the group. A banquet was held at Gordon Tech and trophies were awarded to the team...A recent visitor at North Park was Pensioner PAUL GUNTHER who is now living at 2530 Taylor street, Hollywood, Florida. Paul sends his regards to all his friends and invites anyone visiting Florida to drop by and visit...KENNETH POSNER, the son of Operator SAM POSNER, passed his Certified Public Accountant examination and will begin work for an accounting firm in the Loop...The rumor of the day is that Operator HAROLD JULITZ was stopped at the Missouri State border and his fishing gear and icebox were given a thorough check to see how many undersize fish Harold was bringing home from Forsyth...TOM MARCHISOTTO, the son of Operator PETE and FELICIA MARCHISOTTO, was married on Sunday, August 19, to Miss MARIA LUPE at Immaculate Heart of Mary church. The reception was held at Ferrara Manor and was attended by 150 guests. The young couple honeymooned throughout Europe...Operator JOE CITRO and his wife, THERESA, flew to Honolulu, Hawaii, on their vacation. The Citros visited the islands of Hilo, Maui, and Kauai. The Citros enjoyed visits to Pearl Harbor, the sugar refineries, pineapple fields, the different night clubs, and many restaurants on the islands. ..Mrs. EDNA BENSON, the mother of Operator DAVID BENSON, and the wife of Operator ROBERT BENSON, Limits, was hospitalized at Edgewater hospital for major surgery and at this writing is recovering satisfactorily... Operator HAROLD (Red) HANSEN was hospitalized at Weiss Memorial hospital for major surgery and at this writing is recovering and looking forward to returning to work...Happy anniversaries are extended to: Operator JOHN COSGROVE and his wife, HELEN, their 30th; Operator WILLIAM STEINSPRING and his wife, DOLLY, their 42nd; Operator LYNN BUTLER and his wife, ANN, their 17th; Operator HILLARD DERENGOWSKI and his wife, their 21st; Operator HENRY THELIN and his wife, HARRIET, their 31st, and Superintendent JACK MORRIS and his wife, DOROTHY, their 42nd...Happy birthdays are extended to the following: Operators RICHARD HALLIGAN, ZEKE JAGST, JIM DOLAN, and ORVILLE MURRAY, Pensioner STANLEY ZALE, Instructor GEORGE RELSTAB, Supervisor GEORGE HAND, Mrs. MERVA HAND, Mrs. EVELYN RELSTAB, VIVIAN BAEUCHLER, and DANIEL KOZIOL...Operator LES NELAND retired on October 1 after 37 years of service. Les and his wife, PEGGY, will be doing lots of traveling and fishing from now on...Operator WALLACE BRADLEY retired on October 1 after working for 43 years. His plans for the future call for traveling and a chance to attend the Kentucky Derby sessions for the 39th consecutive year.

*- Melvin Horning*

**OPERATIONS (Transportation) -**

MARTY LUKES and his wife, SHIRLEY, and their children went to Gun Lake in Michigan for two weeks. They were accompanied by Shirley's brother and his family. They went water skiing every day, went boating, swimming, got a lot of sun, and Marty even got out on the golf course a few times. The second week, CARL SCHMOOK, a bus operator out of Archer Station, and his wife joined the group. They went to enjoy their grandchildren and the scenery. Everyone had a real good time...BILL DOEDEN and his wife drove to Missouri for two weeks of fun and relaxation. They stopped at Table Rock Lake where Bill tried his luck fishing. When asked what he caught, all he said was the fishing was lousy. They went on to the Ozarks where they stayed for five days. The weather was nice and so was their vacation...JERRY JOHNSON and his wife, RAYE, and their four children drove to Arkansas on their vacation. They, too, tried their luck at fishing and enjoyed the good old-fashioned hospitality out there. His son had the most fun because he caught his first fish...The RACKER family recently made the most of a weekend when they drove down to Springfield to attend the State Fair, which they really enjoyed. They also liked traveling through the southern

part of our state, stopping at several places along the way. ..JAMES R. TUCKER just returned from a three-week vacation during which time he did a lot of traveling. He began his trip by driving to Lebanon, Tennessee, and then to Nashville where he visited friends and relatives for about five days. He returned home for a few days of rest and took off again. He went to Vermillion, South Dakota, where he spent two days visiting with JOHN WHELTON, a retired conductor and one man car operator who started at Noble Depot in 1915. It was on to the Bad Lands and Black Hills, then to Virginia City where he visited a friend and his son's family, and to Nevada City, Montana. On his way back home he made stops at Yellowstone, Grand Teton, Laramie, Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Minden, Nebraska, to conclude a very nice vacation...Your scribe and her parents, FRANK and ROSE SZCZEPANEK, went to Springstead, Wisconsin, for a week of relaxation. Believe it or not, fishing was good until the rain and cool weather arrived. We caught some nice size crappies and bass which we brought home with us. Even though the weather could have been better, we had a wonderful time...RUSSELL ELDERKIN Jr. worked his way to the finals of the Illinois State Tennis tournament. He competed in an age group of boys ten years of age and over, finishing second in a field of 24 boys. Congratulations! Sure looks like he is following in his father's footsteps...We wish KATHY KRUEGER the best of luck in her new job in the Engineering Department, and would like to welcome LORRAINE BRAZZLE back to Transportation. A couple other new people in our department are JESSE BARKER, information clerk, and CATHERINE KUDELKA, telephone operator. We are happy to have you with us and wish all of you the best in your new jobs...On August 1, RAYMOND STRATTON, information clerk, began his retirement. He plans to take life easy, relax, and enjoy himself. On September 1, Line Supervisor BURCHARD W. POGUE also joined the ranks of the retired. Coffee and cake was served at an open house honoring him on August 31. Many of his friends came to wish him well and presented him with a gift. We extend our wishes to both of you for a very happy and healthy retirement...On Sunday, August 29, ROBERT G. QUETSCHKE and JEANIE L. WELDON were united in holy matrimony at 5:00 p.m. in the Norwood Park United Methodist church. Many friends attended the reception which was held at the Belvedere, and all had a good time. The newlyweds spent their honeymoon traveling through numerous states. Congratulations and best wishes are extended to the happy couple, and to BOB and JUNE QUETSCHKE, the parents... Our sympathy is extended to ELI FREEDMAN whose father, LEO, passed away. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, August 24. Interment was at Shalom Memorial Park cemetery.

**(Utility and Emergency Service) -**

Retiree PETE CARPINO stopped in to say hello and let us know that he is making arrangements for a mobile home in sunny Florida... PAT PORCELIUS vacationed in that lively place called Las Vegas. He saw some shows and many performers, and even tried his luck. Pat didn't hit the jackpot, but had a good time anyway... Mr. and Mrs. O. W. JOHNSON spent their vacation at various places in Wiscousin enjoying the scenery...We are happy to see that T. KRAUS is back to work after an extended illness, and hope that he is feeling great...We would like to extend our sympathy to AL SCHMIDT whose father recently passed away, and to BOB CASEY whose brother-in-law passed away...C. OLDHAM and H. WOODS are back to work again after spending some time at camp with the National Guard.

**(Traffic Planning) -**

Congratulations and the best of luck to JIM TOOLIS who recently transferred to the Purchasing Department...TOM LORENZ began his vacation by flying to Miami on a big 747 jet. From there he went to the Port of Miami where he boarded the ocean liner Freeport. Tom spent a week in Freeport, Nassau, and Miami doing a lot of sightseeing, swimming, and relaxing. He had beautiful weather and a real good vacation...NANCY JOHNSON and her husband are the proud owners of a raised ranch house in Woodridge, Illinois. She has a lot more house to clean now and a spacious front and back yard to work in. Congratulations and the best of luck in your new home.

*- Colette Szczepanek*

**PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -**

It is always sad to have to say goodbye to a co-worker. In this case it is ED COATES who retired on August 1 after having been with CTA for 45 years. He was presented with a beautiful television set, which he proudly displayed in his office, along with a lovely golf club tie clasp. We wish Ed many years of enjoyment in his retirement...Congratulations to BOB McCARTHY on his recent promotion as assistant to the superintendent of Purchasing, replacing Mr. Coates. Congratulations are also in order for JIM TOOLIS who replaced Bob as a buyer in the Purchasing Department...A belated "welcome" to GEORGE HAENISCH, graduate trainee in the Specifications Department. We're really sorry about the delay, George, but we're still thinking of you...ROD DAUGHERTY, Specifications, and his wife, BEE, spent several days in Walterboro, South Carolina, with their two children, DELLA and KEITH, who are twins. Della and Keith took part in their cousin's wedding, Della being flower girl, and Keith was the ringbearer. On their return trip to Chicago, the Daughertys stopped in Kentucky to explore Mammoth Cave... A luncheon was held in the M&M Club in the Merchandise Mart on July 29 in honor of THERESA BARRY who retired on August 1 after 23 years of service with CTA. She was presented with some lovely gifts. We wish Theresa many happy hours in her future retirement years... The "welcome mat" is extended to WILLIAM SIEJA who replaced TOM RYAN as clerk II in Stores, G.O. Tom was transferred to South Shops as stock clerk I. Bill formerly worked in the CTA Mail Room in the Mart. Glad to have you with our team, Bill...It's always nice to hear of additions to families--and this month we are joyous indeed on hearing that former stenographer in Stores, G.O., LYNN BELL, recently had her second child, a baby boy. CHARLES ROBERT BELL Jr. greeted his family with a smile on August 3 weighing in at 7 pounds 9 ounces. His father, CHUCK, is in the Electrical Department. Chuck stated, "Our son will enter Notre Dame university in about 18 years and will be their number one football star!" Hope your wishes come true, Chuck and Lynn, and the best to the four of you...GEORGE MIKOTA, assistant to superintendent of Stores, gave everyone in the office a scare upon his return from vacation. He informed us that he was replacing the roofing on his garage and lost his footing. He's still wondering how his leg happened to go through the roof--but none of <u>us</u> will ever know. No serious injury occurred as a result of his unfortunate experience, just a sore knee...J. T. HARTY, superintendent of Stores, spent a very delightful week with his family. He romped around with the grandchildren; and although he feels it in spots, he stated he enjoyed himself very much.

Glad to hear that, Mr. Harty...Your co-reporter, JOHN GILL, almost seems a stranger to Stores, G.O. After all, he spent a five-week vacation in Ireland. John arrived at Shannon airport where he was greeted by his wife, two children, and his brother-in-law. They stayed at his wife's parents' home. They visited friends and relatives in Limerick and County Mayo; and they got to view Ashford Castle. The Gill family joined in the merry festivities held in the Old Shilling, a singing pub in Dublin. They were kept busy much of their stay and even attended a wedding in Castlebar when his wife's sister became the happy bride. Two nights were spent in a trailer on the beach by the Atlantic Ocean. John says he even tried his hand at milking a cow, but apparently the cow was in no mood for it kicked the bucket and the milk spilled all over the place! Practice makes perfect, John. John's wife and children spent an extra two weeks in Ireland, but John was not so lucky... Our CHESTER SKORA, Stores, G.O., stayed in the states while on his vacation. He and his wife, CHARLOTTE, traveled to Florida where they visited St. Augustine and Clearwater and got to take in plenty of sun and swimming. While in Silver Springs, they took a ride in a glass-bottom boat. At one point on their vacation, they drove up to a gas station where they were greeted by a young lady in hot pants dispensing gasoline. Gas up, boys!..MARY CAHILL, Stores, G.O., is a volunteer worker for the U.S.O. In July, she was among approximately 75 others chosen as guests on the largest coast guard cutter in Lake Michigan at the time of the start of the annual Mackinaw sailboat races. Mary had a doubly enjoyable time, as her boyfriend is in the coast guard and was on one of the tugboats that accompanied the contestants as a precautionary measure during the race...The second annual Purchasing, Specifications and Stores, G.O., picnic was a huge success! About 40 people attended. Brezina Woods was the site for the fun that day. CECILIA TRUCCO, Stores, directed this picnic and arranged all the games. Eating was definitely on top of the agenda. There was a rope-pulling contest (Co-reporter JOHN GILL was elated that the side he was on lost), and a water balloon throw (the girls were wet from this one). Other activities, such as badminton and darts, were also enjoyed. We hope the picnic we plan for next year will be an even greater success...ART EGGERT, divisional storekeeper, Stores, South, and his wife, STEPHANIE, roamed all over Wisconsin, sightseeing for two weeks. Their main point of interest, however, was in Manitowish. Upon their return, Art and Stephanie took their daughter, MURIEL, who also works for CTA, and her husband, JERRY, to dinner to celebrate Art and Stephanie's 33rd year together. Wow! That's a long time together, and we just know you'll both enjoy the next 33 years together just as much...JACK GUBBINS, assistant divisional storekeeper, South Shops, as of this writing is spending his vacation in Bakersfield, California. He's visiting with his sister and her family. We'll have more details in the next issue...CHARLES BENNETT, stock clerk I, South Shops, got a chance on his vacation to do something he's long been waiting for--to paint his house; Stock Clerk II HANK BRANDENBURG painted his house, also, and TONY VELCICH, stock clerk II, has just returned from a trip to Acapulco. Tony learned how to water ski while he was there. He states that the weather and girls were great...GRANVILLE CHEATHAM, stock clerk I, South Shops, went fishing in Savannah, Illinois, and caught nine northern pike. Each of them weighed 7 to 8 pounds. He says, "Next time I'll try to catch more fish and larger ones, too."..Apparently Ireland had much to offer this year, for not only did JOHN GILL have a good time there--so did three other employees who work in Stores. First, JOHN SHERIDAN, stock clerk I, South Shops, vacationed there for three glorious weeks. He traveled alone and toured southern Ireland. John visited County Sligo and also Dublin, and visited with his mother. John says it is one of the most wonderful vacations he has ever had, and we're glad that he enjoyed himself so much. Second, PAT CANNON, laborer, Storeroom 48, decided to tour the Irish countryside, also. Pat says he ordered a car for his arrival at Shannon airport, and when he got there, a donkey was waiting for him! He traveled all over Ireland visiting with his relatives. This was Pat's second visit to Ireland. On the plane with Pat was Pensioner DICK CAULEY, formerly of Transportation Department; PATRICK NALY, Blacksmith Shop at South Shops, with his wife and children, and JOSEPH KILCULLEN, fork lift operator, Stores, South, with his wife and children. Joe and his wife and three children just loved their vacation in Ireland. They went to the Blarney Castle where they kissed the Blarney Stone. Joe says those four weeks they spent there, which included boating and fishing, among other things, were beautiful and the children just loved their very first plane ride...May 11, 1946, is just another date to you and I, but to GEORGE LINDEN, assistant divisional storekeeper at Skokie, and his wife, MILDRED, it marked their first 25 years of wedded bliss. A party was held in their home with their family and close friends. We wish you both 25 more years of happiness. Also, our sympathy is extended to George and his family on the passing of his brother...PAUL JANKOWSKI, stock clerk I, Storeroom 43, returned to Spooner, Wisconsin, for more fishing. This time he and his friends caught 47 northern pike, one of which Paul presented to MIKE KORZEN, divisional storekeeper II, Skokie. Paul also went on a sea-plane ride which he says was really fun. We're very happy to hear the news that Paul presented INGRID BOES, Public Information, with a sparkling diamond ring on June 8 at the Golden Horns Steak House. Paul met Ingrid while he worked in the Employment Department in the Mart. The wedding date is set for June 10 of '72. ..G. S. GRAYBIEL, superintendent of Stores, Specifications & Purchasing, spent his vacation visiting colleges with his daughter. After driving 4,600 miles and stopping at 18 different colleges, they had plenty of time to stop and visit with relatives in the Midwestern and Rocky Mountain States...ANN JOBARIS, purchasing clerk I, has returned to work after a lovely vacation with her daughter, MARIANNE, in California. In San Francisco they ate in Chinatown. They also visited Disneyland and Garden Grove, where Ann has relatives. They continued onward to Las Vegas where they saw Sammy Davis Jr. perform, then stopped at Lake Mead and Boulder Dam. Unfortunately their luggage was lost on the return trip and still has not been recovered. Ann also tells us that Marianne recently became engaged. Congratulations, Marianne!..BILL SIEJA, clerk I, went to school on his vacation. Bill drove his son, MARK, who worked at Wilson Shops during the summer, to the University of Illinois at Champaign where he will study to become a chemist. . . After a relaxing two-week vacation, JOAN THOMAS, clerk III, is back from Teaneck, New Jersey, where she visited her sister. Although Joan got some rest, her sister kept her busy seeing the sights, such as the Bronx Zoo, Palisades Park, a three-hour boat ride off Manhattan, the United Nations Building, and for a very long stroll down Fifth avenue. . . JOHN LARKIN, specifications engineer, and his wife spent their vacation trying out their new camper. They were in Door County and Westboro, Wisconsin, where they encountered clear weather on all but

one day...Condolences are extended to DON BUDOFF, stock clerk II, Storeroom 48, and his wife on the passing of Don's father-in-law...It seems as though this is the year for California. JACK GUBBINS, assistant divisional storekeeper, was also in California. He stayed in Bakersfield and went to Disneyland, Big Bear Mountain, and Balance Rock. Jack said he had a good time...In closing, we would like to include comments from former Co-reporter CATHY CLOUGH who left CTA to await a visit from the stork during January: "Thanks, everyone, for making my short year as a Transit News reporter so enjoyable, and for making this task so easy. I've enjoyed it so much that I will really miss it! It's so nice to keep up on all the happenings around the CTA locations. Again, thanks, but no goodbyes are necessary, just so long for now."

*- Cecilia Trucco & John Gill*

**RAPID TRANSIT MAINTENANCE TERMINALS -**

Double congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. TED SWIDER, Howard, on the birth of twins on August 15. Ted's wife presented him with a daughter and a son, each tipping the scale at 7 pounds. Incidentally, this is their second set of twins...A surprise visit was paid by Pensioner FRANK LITTLE. Frank, who retired about ten years ago, stopped in to see his friends at Kimball...Congratulations to JOHN DANIELS, Congress, who became a grandfather. John received the good news from his son, Marine Lt. DENNIS LEE DANIELS, that his grandson, SHANE, was born on July 9 and weighed in at 6 pounds 1 ounce...Safety does pay off as it did for A. GIBSON, Congress, who won a $5 certificate during the safety award celebration at Congress terminal... Vacations north and south of the Mason-Dixon Line were enjoyed by J. CANNELLA who went to Hot Springs, Arkansas, and D. SANDUK, Congress, who journeyed to Minnesota...Congratulations to M. STOSICH on his promotion to repairman and his new position at Wilson...Best wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to Pensioner A. LONG who is recuperating at home after undergoing a gall bladder operation. Hope to see him up and around real soon...Congratulations to R. STYBURSKI on his promotion to machinist at Skokie...Welcome to L. BONIFAY, new serviceman at Congress...Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of LOUIS COLLINS, Wilson, who passed away on August 12... Sorry to hear that M. GALLAGHER, R. HOLMES, and C. GUSICK, Wilson, are on the sick list...Stories of how the big ones got away are being told by H. LOOMIS, Wilson, who spent his vacation fishing in the lakes of Wisconsin...A hearty welcome is extended to new Repairmen F. MIFFIN and M. STOSICH, and new Car Serviceman T. BERNERO from all the boys at Wilson...CTA American Legion Post 1216 held their annual elections with the following results: Commander, PETER SABADOSA; Senior Vice Commander, EDWARD SHIELDS Jr.; Vice Commander, DANIEL WITTENBERG; Finance Officer, EDWARD SHIELDS; Adjutant, JOHN TRACY; Chaplain, FRANK BRISON; Medical Officer, Dr. GEORGE IRWIN, and Service Officer, JOHN CANNELLA. Good luck to all of you in your new positions. All the members of Post 1216 wish to thank the committee who ran the Skokie Shops picnic. Everyone had a wonderful time and they are all looking forward to next year...Warm and wonderful mid-summer vacations were enjoyed by M. COYLE, H. DICKERSON, T. FRIEND, C. B. BROWN, and H. BIGGS, Dan Ryan, and F. VELINSKE, E. MIZEROCKI, R. LAUDANSKI, J. COLLINS, R. JOHNSTON, H. SYKORA, J. RUIZ, and V. COX, Wilson...A note to all our sports-minded friends--JERRY McDONOUGH, Congress, is forming a bowling team and anyone wishing to join should contact him.

A retirement party was given by the boys at 61st Street for Repairman F. NEALY who retired on August 31 after 35 years of service. Best wishes for continued health and happiness...Glad to see that G. MICHAUD, clerk at 61st Street, is back at work after being on the sick list for three months...Indian summer is a beautiful time for a vacation as proven by L. CARR, G. PLEASENT, J. SHANAHAN, S. BUTLER, J. BURFORD, and H. CARTER, 61st Street... Congratulations to LENA and DENNIS PAPALEO, Congress, on the birth of their son, SCOTT, on August 19. Daddy's pride and joy tipped the scale at 8 pounds 13½ ounces and stretched the measure to 20¾ inches. All the boys say "thank you" for the cigars...A tropical paradise set the vacation scene for W. BEHRENS, Congress, and family who spent two weeks in Hawaii...Atlantic City and the famous Boardwalk were vacation attractions for M. VASQUEZ, Congress, and family...M. KEATING, Congress, is back at work after a short vacation...Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. E. CIARDULO, sister and brother-in-law of JOHN CANNELLA, Congress, who celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on September 6...HERMAN IZZO and his wife spent a ten-day vacation in Hawaii visiting with their son, EDWARD, who is stationed at the submarine base in Pearl Harbor...PETER SABADOSA and his family spent a week's vacation at an Indiana resort. Everyone had a wonderful time...Congratulations to E. STAMBORSKI, clerk at Kimball, who became a grandfather. His daughter, KAREN WITTMAN of North Ridgeville, Ohio, presented him with a grandson on August 7. Grandpa's delight weighed in at 7 pounds 5 ounces...After 35 years of service, R. JANICKI, Kimball, retired on September 1. In the past, Ray was active in Division 308 and served as committeeman for the Shops and Equipment Department...A hearty welcome to new car serviceman at Kimball, VITO COLLYARD...C. EUGENE, W. McKAY, J. FOLAN, and J. McPARTLAN, Kimball, spent their vacations starting on fall clean-up...Resting and enjoying the end of the baseball season is how Q. BONDS, W. THORNTON, L. STEWART, C. NELSON, and G. NICHOLSON, Dan Ryan, spent their vacations...The boys at Dan Ryan want to know why there are never any scores from the Friday night golf games between BOB FLOWERS, JOHN CANNELLA, MATT COYLE, and SHELDON RITA. Does anyone ever win?..Late summer vacations were enjoyed by LARRY MONOGHAN, DOMINIC NICOSIAM, ALLEN ZUBOR, and BOB FLOWERS of the office, and N. BENSON, J. BUTZEN, S. GARITI, J. HENDERSON, J. HENNELLY, G. KLEIN, J. ORANGE, J. LAURINAITIS, J. O'CONNOR, T. SWIDER, P. LAKICH, N. SCIMECA, and M. BUCHANAN of Wilson.

*- Ray Brzezek*

**SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -**

WILLIAM P. DEVEREUX retired on October 1. Bill joined the CSL on October 8, 1928, as a traffic checker. He was promoted to schedule clerk in 1935 and to supervisor of schedule clerks in 1945. The schedule maker classification became Bill's in 1950, and it lasted until his retirement. An open house was held in honor of Bill on September 10, and his numerous friends joined his co-workers in wishing him a healthy, happy, and long lasting retired life. ..ED JOYCE and his wife drove to Wisconsin to spend a

# RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYES

HOWARD S. ANGELL, 74, Way & Structures,
Emp. 4-13-23, Died 7-19-71
DAVID BAYOR, 84, Lake Street,
Emp. 9-24-23, Died 7-22-71
PATRICK J. CASEY, 83, 69th Street,
Emp. 2-9-10, Died 7-19-71
JOSEPH L. CHIAPPETTA, 76, Kedzie,
Emp. 5-20-25, Died 7-2-71
LOUIS COLLINS, 57, Wilson Shop,
Emp. 10-30-45, Died 8-12-71
DANIEL CONSIDINE, 68, 69th Street,
Emp. 8-26-41, Died 7-6-71
JAMES K. DEMEREST, 66, North Section,
Emp. 1-4-27, Died 7-6-71
JOHN P. DOLAN, 59, Beverly,
Emp. 2-16-31, Died 7-24-71
RAYMOND A. DOUGHERTY, 77, North Section,
Emp. 6-26-22, Died 7-1-71
JOHN A. ENGBERG, 72, South Shops,
Emp. 1-22-29, Died 7-25-71
ARTHUR E. FRILLMAN, 83, North Section,
Emp. 11-21-08, Died 7-29-71
OTTO A. GIESE, 78, Keeler,
Emp. 6-13-27, Died 7-2-71
JAMES E. GORMAN, 74, North Section,
Emp. 1-9-30, Died 7-26-71
HENRY HARRIS, 62, South Section,
Emp. 12-4-50, Died 9-8-71
NORA HAYES, 76, West Section,
Emp. 7-8-47, Died 7-31-71
THOMAS HIGGINS, 72, 77th Street,
Emp. 10-2-42, Died 7-4-71
CARL A. HIRSCHNER, 70, Electrical,
Emp. 4-1-48, Died 7-30-71
WILLIAM C. JENSEN, 81, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 2-11-11, Died 7-4-71
JOHN H. KEIL, 83, Lake Street,
Emp. 11-9-10, Died 7-19-71
FELIX S. MARACICH, 82, 77th Street,
Emp. 4-1-20, Died 7-13-71
FRED MEURER, 74, Keeler,
Emp. 3-14-24, Died 7-12-71
ACHILLES MIRABELLI, 69, Electrical,
Emp. 3-7-21, Died 8-1-71
CHARLES H. MOSCHGAT, 57, Engineering,
Emp. 5-4-42, Died 9-1-71
JAMES NAUDEN, 56, 52nd Street,
Emp. 2-6-35, Died 7-3-71
LEROY E. OWENS, 63, Forest Glen,
Emp. 1-3-46, Died 7-19-71
WILLIAM C. RAABER, 64, South Shops,
Emp. 10-9-28, Died 6-28-71
FRANK RAIO, 80, Laramie,
Emp. 5-9-21, Died 7-18-71
FRANK SHERMAN, 74, Archer Avenue,
Emp. 12-28-22, Died 7-18-71
FRANK G. SIMEK, 53, North Section,
Emp. 8-30-46, Died 7-27-71
FREDERICK C. TIEMANN, 88, Track,
Emp. 3-1-08, Died 7-8-71
ILIJA E. TOMOVICH, 78, Way & Structures,
Emp. 11-20-30, Died 7-23-71
JOHN T. URBAN, 64, Schedule-Traffic,
Emp. 2-5-30, Died 8-9-71
LESLIE H. WHITING, 68, 77th Street,
Emp. 8-28-42, Died 7-5-71
JOSEPH M. WIGGINTON, 83, South Section,
Emp. 9-17-07, Died 7-9-71

week of their vacation with his niece and her family...Happy birthday to Superintendent L. C. DUTTON, Assistant Superintendent R. N. GOLDSTEIN, and Bill Devereux who all had birthdays in September...Mr. and Mrs. J. LAZZARA, outside checker, celebrated 43 years of wedded bliss on October 7. Congratulations and many more happy years together...JAKE SUMNER flew to Seattle to be with his wife who flew there earlier to visit with their new grandchild...GEORGE HANUS is sporting a new 1972 Caprice, and will take a vacation to put some mileage on it...While on vacation, JOE VIOLA and his wife took some short trips, while JOE SABOL vacationed in and around home...The sympathy of the department is extended to the family of the late JOHN URBAN, traffic clerk, who died suddenly on August 9...Your scribe had a wonderful time at the Transit News dinner in the M&M Club. We were all honored to personally meet Board Chairman MICHAEL CAFFERTY and his charming wife...The electronic age has caught up with CLARK JOHNSON, PHIL LEAHY, and WALTER SCHWEINFURTH, who are sporting new electric watches on their wrists. They are wondering why their salesman, JOE SABOL, hasn't got one.

*- Kathryn Batina*

**SKOKIE SHOPS -**

LINO LUPETINI, electrical worker, is driving a new Plymouth Fury III, and he and his wife are vacationing in the northern states and Canada...JAN BRODA, painter, and his family are enjoying a new Ford Galaxie 500. Now Jan can pull the camper with great ease...KRIS MISETIC, electrical worker, is the proud owner of a new Ford Torino. Lots of luck, Kris...Our deepest sympathy to LOUIS KARIOLICH, electrical worker, on the loss of his sister... KATHLEEN GRAYBIEL, our summer vacation help at the shops office, was great. We will all miss her. Hurry back in '72...JOHN MAYER, electrical worker, and his wife, ANN, enjoyed a trip to Austria and Czechoslovakia. They also were able to visit some of their relatives. Keep it up, John, those are the nice vacations...JOHN J. RUSS, material clerk, spent most of his vacation riding his new Schwinn ten-speed bike along Lake Michigan for a total of 800 miles. John's wife is now a widow to a bike, however they did spend a few days at the Wisconsin Dells. Good biking, John...GENE SILICANI, shopman, is the proud owner of a new full-power Oldsmobile Toronado with air-conditioning. Nice going, Gene...EDWARD R. HENDRICKSON, retired superintendent of Shops and Terminals, is the proud owner of a new Ford Torino. His wife, MARY, who works in the Skokie Shops office, just loves to drive it to work...CASIMIR JOZEFIAK, painter, and his wife, FELECIA, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a mass and renewal of their marriage vows at St. Thecla church. In the evening, 200 friends and relatives had an enjoyable time at a reception held in their honor at the Edgewood Manor. Casey and Felecia have four sons, WALLEY, STANLEY,

RETIRING ON October 1 after almost 43 years of service in the CSL and CTA Schedule-Traffic Departments was WILLIAM P. DEVEREAUX who is pictured here with L. C. DUTTON, superintendent of Schedule-Traffic, at an open house held in his honor on September 16.

TEDDY, and CASEY Jr. . . ROBERT BINNIE, electrical worker, and his wife, CAROL, are vacationing in Florida... DONALD HAWKINS, laborer, and RAY GUNDERSON and DAVID PASSARELLA, electrical workers, are welcomed to Skokie Shops.

*- Everett E. England*

**SOUTH SECTION -**

Congratulations to all those South Section employees who made Employee of the Year. Keep up the good work so that you will be able to make the list next year...A happy, happy man is Clerk ROBERT E. LEE whose wife presented him with a baby girl, JENNIFER JOYCE, born on August 4. This makes three girls and one boy for the Lee family... Division 308's softball team did itself proud this season. They played in the South Section 241-308—CTA softball league and finished with a perfect 8-0 record to win the sectional crown. On August 1 they played Kedzie Station, the North Section champs, and won 9 to 8 to take the overall championship for 1971. In the Grant Park Industrial League they were not so lucky. They finished 4 and 3 in the first round playoffs and in the second round they were 3 and 3. That is still good ball playing and we are all proud of our team and each and every player...Happy news! Retired Agent MARCELLA BITTERLIN, who was in the hospital for an extended period, is now home recuperating. Hope you return to good health real soon, Marcella...Had a nice visit from Retired Conductor ALFRED GREENAWALT who was in Chicago for a visit from his home in North Carolina. He looks good and feels good and says "hello" to all his old friends. He and his wife just love living in North Carolina...We have more good news--back from the sick list after several weeks is Work Train Conductor THOMAS SCHWARZ, and Motormen MYRON WOODS and WILLIAM FRANCIS. It's good to see them back on their jobs...Ashland Avenue is sort of lonesome these days since A.M. Towerman FRANK PINTA went on pension August 1. A happy and healthy retired life is wished Frank...Collector WALTER JOINER and his wife just returned from a vacation in Mexico City. They flew down there and then rented a car. They saw all the sights including the bullfights, which he said were entirely different than he had imagined. Also, they flew over to San Juan, Puerto Rico, and had a ball...We heard that Retired Motorman JOSEPH WIGGINGTON passed away recently. Our sincere condolences go out to his family...Another very, very happy man was Motorman SAM EDWARDS when he passed out cigars and told us about his first-born baby girl, MARCIE LYNNETTE, who arrived on August 15. He said mother and daughter are doing fine...Retired Motorman ANGELOS YPSILANTI was in to see the boys at Ashland Avenue. He said that his daughter had a baby boy about six months ago and that his son was married in August...We were so pleased to hear that 61st Street Clerk WILBERT SIMPSON, who was on the sick list for some months, is now back to work...Motorman FRED GRONEMEYER and his family drove down to Florida on their vacation and also visited the Keys. They said they had a good trip...Greetings to newly-hired Conductors JERRY HUTCH and DONALD NIXON, and to Conductor HERBERT JACKSON who resigned several months ago and was recently rehired...We received a nice card from Retired Conductor MOSES GILES from New Orleans where he is now living. He was up in Chicago for a visit when we, the HARTNEYS, were on vacation. We were sorry to have missed Moses when he was in Chicago...Supervisor DON MURPHY broke his foot and was home for quite some time, but is back to work now...Our sincere sympathy is extended to Retired Motorman EDWARD HENNESSY whose brother passed away recently...On the sick list at this writing is Motorman WALTER JOGERST, Janitor HENRY HARRIS, and Clerk ROBERT HARVEY. Here's hoping we can say real soon that they are well and back to work...Retired Collector THOMAS McINERNEY and his wife, former Assignment Agent NANCY, who live in Arizona, visited with the MICKEY O'CONNORS, retired station superintendent, who live in Tucson. They all send their regards to everyone back here at work...Agent ANNETTE GORDON wishes to thank everyone for all the nice cards, telegrams, and expressions of sympathy when her sister passed away in Savannah, Georgia...It was good to see Retired Conductor MICHAEL RUDDY who stopped in to see everyone at Ashland Avenue recently. Retired life sure agrees with all our retirees. They look just wonderful. . . Conductor JOHN DANEK and his wife went "up, up and away" by plane to Estes Park, Colorado, Colorado Springs, and then to Las Vegas on vacation...Hope everyone had a wonderful summer.

*- Verna Hartney*

**SOUTH SHOPS -**

Welcome back to JOE McNAMARA, Area 318, after being off sick for some time. We know you missed us and just couldn't wait to get back!..MAX KUCHAN and his wife, LORETTA, and son, KEVIN, had a beautiful month's vacation in Las Vegas, Reno, and California. Max is a carpenter in the Wood Mill, Area 318. The trip totaled about 6,500 miles. Welcome back, Max...JOHN KURGAN, foreman of Area 321, is back from a one-week vacation in the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee. John says he had a wonderful time touring certain sights and just relaxing...DAN MURPHY, Area 336, spent a two-week vacation in Memphis and also delivered his son, GENE, to Christian Brothers college in Memphis where he is in his junior year...BILL MILLER, leader of Area 312, spent his vacation in Bangor, Michigan, at the Circle Y Ranch with the Neighborhood Youth organization. Bill was also accompanied by his son, MARK. We would like to extend a special word of thanks to Bill for devoting his vacation time to the youngsters as he does every year. Thanks, Bill...The fellows of Area 312 would like to wish CHARLIE (Tuna) KEHOE a speedy recovery after knee surgery...BILL KILMOON, Area 312, finally finished working on his GTO. Bill has been working on his car for (listen to this now) five years. Bill, we can tell that your car is really a necessity to you...Congrat-

ulations are in order for DAVE MAIDEN, Area 345, and his wife, PATRICIA. They were blessed with a 6 pound baby girl named SYDNEY on August 24...Senior Technician CHARLIE SHREEVES, Technical Services Division, went to Texas the first week in October to "prospect" for retirement property...It's time to roll the welcome mat out again, this time for GAIL HATHAWAY who is our receptionist for the general office. Also, JOHN STEINMETZ, our new timekeeper, came to us from the Employment Department. One more welcome goes out to MARY GARRETT, clerk, garage division. We simply can't leave out JACK RUBY, co-op trainee, Technical Services Division. To Gail, John, Mary, and Jack we know you're just going to love it here at South Shops!..Congratulations to JOE KISELUS, Technical Services Division, who became a grandpa when STACEY ANN KISELUS arrived on Friday, August 13, weighing a healthy 8 pounds 1 ounce. The very proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. DONALD KISELUS. . . EDNA WALKER, Technical Services Division, and her husband, RONALD, switchman, recently returned from a nice two-week vacation to that beautiful city of Atlanta, Georgia, to attend a family reunion that is held every year...JIM HAWORTH, Technical Services Division, recently had an accident in the Dynamometer Lab, in which he cut his hand, and had to be taken to St. George's hospital. Boy, some people will do anything to get out of a little work...The wife of AL SUMA, Dynamometer Lab, is now at home recuperating from an operation. We all wish her a speedy recovery. ..Congratulations are in order for SUE MAJOR on her engagement to STEPHEN JURKATUS. The big day has been set for April 16, 1972...NATALIE KACZKOWSKI spent a week's vacation enjoying the Windy City. She also spent a few days at the Wisconsin Dells. You can always tell the people with all the money. Natalie, we also wish you lots of luck on your new position in the Insurance Department... ERIAS HARRIS Jr., Area 339, and his wife spent their vacation in Los Angeles, California, where his wife's family had their family reunion. They also visited Mexico for five days. While there his wife was ill for four days because of the food. There is nothing like that good old "soul" food... RALPH BERNDT, machinist, was in the Midwest National Karate Championship on August 15 at Harlan High school where he took third place in the purple belt division...We are all glad to see LEROY HUNTER, electrician, back after his accident in which he broke his ankle. Leroy was off for six months...ANNE KANISAUSKAS, wrapper, Printing Department, spent nine days of her vacation visiting with her sister in Alberta, Canada...EDDIE MESKIMEN, Print Shop, spent a couple of days in Springfield, Illinois. He took his kids who wanted to see some of the great landmarks...Returning from a vacation trip to Mackinac Island, Michigan, Superintendent of Shops & Equipment GEORGE CLARK and Technical Services Technician CHARLIE GRECO enjoyed a visit with Mr. Clark's son and daughter-in-law, BILL and PEG CLARK, and his grandchildren, AMY, MICHAEL, and JENNIFER in Cadillac, Michigan. Mr. Clark's other two grandchildren, ELIZABETH and DAVID, were vacationing with their aunts in California. They also visited with CARL and LILY ANDERSON, retired Technical Services technician, and Carl expressed his desire to hear from his old CTA friends, especially DICK HICKEY and GEORGE ZAMZOW. His address is 214 Oak Grove avenue, Bethany Beach, Sawyer, Michigan 49125...We welcome back to Area 312 FRANK STOLARZ, JOHN ROSELAND, and JOE BAGDZIUS...We would like to wish GEORGE BLANCHE a speedy recovery from a recent accident...The fellows in Area 314 send their best wishes to TOBIE GOWANS for a speedy recovery...JOE McNAMARA has been off sick, and the fellows in Area 318 say to hurry and get well. They miss you...Congratulations to SONNY THOMAS, GEORGE HOLLAND, FRED ORMINS, and FRANK GRAY, Area 334, on their recent graduation to journeymen...Congratulations to JERRY PAVEL on the birth of twin granddaughters... From Area 313, congratulations are extended to VERNON HOWE on the birth of a grandson, PHILLIP SCOTT, weighing 3 pounds 7 ounces. The father, RAYMOND HOWE, is a former Beverly Station employee now with the air force... KEN POTT of the Paint Shop is off sick...WILLIAM KOSEK, Brake Department, had a two-week vacation and took a trip to Spearfish, South Dakota, and saw a Passion Play. He also visited Yellowstone National Park, and said he had a very enjoyable time...Everyone at South Shops would like to take this time and space to wish a very speedy recovery to ELAINE STEWART, South Shops co-reporter, who at the time of this writing is recuperating from an operation. Hurry back, Elaine, you're missed "terribly"...We also want to extend a big THANK YOU to Edna Walker who assisted in gathering this month's news.

*- Elaine Stewart & Bob Brown*

**WEST SECTION -**

What a wonderful time my wife and I had at the Transit News dinner at the M&M Club in the Merchandise Mart. LOU PAYNE and I were invited to sit on the dias with CTA Board Chairman MICHAEL CAFFERTY and his lovely wife, PASTORA, Superintendent of Public and Employee Relations F. C. KNAUTZ, and BOB HEINLEIN, our fine editor, and his assistant, MEL ALEXANDER. Now that is class. Bob was the master of ceremonies and did a tremendous job. While Bob was talking, I was getting a warm feeling being honored to sit at the head table, and when I heard my name called to give a speech, my knees began to beat like a drum. I thought, gee Bob is a swell friend, and with friends like him I don't need enemies. It was really worth the talk just to meet Mr. and Mrs. Cafferty. I am sure that our new Board Chairman will make CTA the finest transportation center in the world. My friend and yours, LOU PAYNE, couldn't make the dinner because of one of the most bizarre excuses I have ever heard. When I have about three hours I will tell you about it...With the new pick in effect, I see some old faces that I haven't seen for quite awhile. Half a block from the carhouse I can hear moans and groans, so it must be JIM LANE telling some of his 1902 jokes that everyone has heard over and over. I saw IKE HOUSTON, and the first thing that came to my mind was that here is a man that hasn't been here two months and had to go to the medical bus. That's old...With a deep rumbling voice I heard Reverend GEORGE CLARK sermonizing all over the place. He does take up a lot of space. Everyone should listen to him for he makes a lot of sense, although I like to kid him. ..GEORGE WOODMORE, the man that is always smiling, was looking glum, and I asked him what was wrong. He said that he was working with DIXON this pick and the smile dropped from my face and sympathy took its place... BOB and RUBY CRAWFORD bought a new home and already he is a bigshot. He is looking for some golf clubs and wants to join a country club. Good luck to both of them for they are grand people...My motorman, AL CLARK, took his wife to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, to see all the relics from the Civil war. And all the time she thought he was in the second world war... MEL PFEIFFER and his lovely wife, RUTH, flew to Hawaii and had a great time. But why

does he have to do the hula every morning for us? He dances like a truck with a bad clutch...MIKE BELLEZZO went on his vacation and even smiled on his last day. He will surely lose it when he finds out that his friend, JIM NEWMAN, is his conductor. I heard this from a reliable source that Jim's wife irons his pants over a barrel just so he could look like a cowboy...I have to go now as my wife is calling.

*- Santo Siciliano & Lou Payne*

**52ND STREET -**

Baseball was the word for the summer months, and our team here at 52nd Street moved up to the semi-finals after taking the South Division championship. On July 25 we lost the big one to the Rapid Transit team. The game was well played, even though it was lost. A win would have taken our team into the finals. The game was pitched by Operator RONNIE JONES who walked no one but gave up 13 hits. Operators SWAIN, HENRY, and CANNON each collected three hits. Our team manager is Operator ROBERT RILEY. The final score was 9 to 4. The game was attended by Superintendent JOHN LYNCH, Chief Clerk A. HILLSTROM, CHARLES O'KANE, from the repair department, and a host of other operators with their wives and sweethearts. Yours truly, JOHN L. HUDSON, was also there...Vacations are playing a major role at this time, but trying to find out where you fellows went and what you did while away is a real job. How about a little help. Let me know what's happening...Operator CHESTER JONES went west to Los Angeles on his vacation. He didn't say too much about L.A., but was very happy with his ride on the 747...Operator CURTIS EAST drove to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for a three-week vacation with his wife and two children...Operator WILLIAM BETTISON spent two weeks at Benton Harbor, Michigan...Operator SOLOMON JONES vacationed in St. Louis, Missouri, and the Wisconsin Dells for two weeks. ..Operator WILLIE HUDSON and his family visited Rockwood, Tennessee, for a family reunion during his vacation. Willie said it was wonderful to see all the folks again. He also did a little fishing, but with no luck. From there he went to Tenn-Tee university where he stayed with some friends before returning home. Willie said the weather was great...Congratulations to Operator ISIAH THOMAS and his lovely bride, MILDRED, who were united in holy matrimony on August 21. The reception was held at the new Lincoln Center and a grand time was had by all. Those in attendance from 52nd Street were: Operator SWAIN and his wife, KAREN, Operators RONALD JONES, ROBERT WASHINGTON, BILL HENRY, JAMES COLEMAN, and C. DIAL who served as the bartender...Our globetrotting operator, S. PHILLIPS, has just returned from a glorious trip to Portugal, Spain, and Morocco. Now he says he will have to wait until next year before he can do it again... You've heard about the rainbow at the end of a storm, and the proverbial pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, well little MELANEE ALYCE ALEXANDER is all that and more to Operator JOHN and RUTH MARSHALL. They started the long drive to Arlington, Virginia, to see their first granddaughter but had no idea what awaited them in the mountains of Pennsylvania or the hills of Maryland. Pouring rain, fog, and no guard-rails because of construction in progress on the Pennsylvania Turnpike gave the vacationing couple 2½ hours of the most frightening driving conditions they had ever encountered. But, journey's end was Melanee...Board Chairman MICHAEL CAFFERTY visited our depot recently, and if you don't know who he is, his signature and title is on your paychecks. He is a very friendly man who is becoming acquainted with every part of CTA, and he feels a great pride in the enormous service we are providing Chicago...Many of our garage personnel are now returning from vacations. Foreman GUS PAVELKA spent his vacation in the Ozarks of Arkansas. HOSEA JOHNSON, assistant day foreman, spent his vacation in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Detroit, Michigan. Clerk D. GARNER motored 4,800 miles to the Petrified Forest, Painted Desert, Phoenix, Mexico, and Disneyland in California. H. ROHLEN and C. O'KANE went to the International Convention in Las Vegas...A new addition to the repair department is W. FOUNTAIN who came to us from 77th Street...Night Foreman E. ADAMS is enjoying his five-week vacation. R. MURRY, who just returned after suffering a broken leg, is covering for him...We are still working toward winning the safety award for the year...Our sympathy is extended to CHESTER JONES Jr. and his family on the loss of his father, CHESTER JONES Sr., in Hennings, Tennessee, on September 4.

*- John L. Hudson*

**69TH STREET -**

It's official! JIMMY AHERN has become my co-reporter for the Transit News. I wish to express my appreciation to our editor, R. D. HEINLEIN, for appointing him, and to Jim for accepting the position. Now all you fellows can either drop your letters or notes in my mail box in the train room, or give the news to Jim in the repair department where he is chief clerk...We extend our deepest sympathy to: the family of DAN CONSIDINE who recently passed away and worked at 69th for many years before retiring; to the family of JOHN DOLAN on his passing; to JAY DALTON on the loss of Mrs. DALTON; to FRANK VERMAN whose wife passed away; to FRANK ANDREK on the loss of his mother, and to Instructor JOHN WHITE whose son, ADRIAN, passed away...Our deepest sympathy to the family of WILLIAM SCOTT, day foreman at Archer, who passed away recently...We hope our prayers were heard for BILLY REILLY, age 4, the son of TOM REILLY, supervisor, who is recovering from a skull fracture and brain surgery. Tom's mother is also in the hospital where she is recovering from a heart attack...FRANK BOYD and MIKE KEELE were transferred to the repair department at Kedzie, and DAN VICKUS went to the repair department at 77th Street. Good luck on your new assignments, fellows... Good luck to BILL LORENZEN and JOE (Pee Wee) ARNONE who retired on July 1, and to MIKE DWYER who retired on August 1. Here's wishing all of you good health and happiness...To all the fellows who were on vacation in the repair department we hope you had a wonderful time and have returned safely. Among those who went fishing were: L. USPEL, R. BARNEY, JOE JANECKO, B. MASON, B. McBRIDE, L. GLOMBICKI, W. KALAUSKAS, W. GROCH, P. GOON, E. DOUGHERTY, MIKE MORAN, R. SCHEID, TED NIEZABITOWSKI, B. BUTKIEWICZ, R. DICKERSON, J. HOPKINS, and J. BELL...HARVEY BROCK vacationed down in the lovely State of Mississippi and did some fishing. He said he caught some big ones, but will have to attend a fishing school in order to name them... CHARLIE KUBAL spent most of his vacation in Indiana... JIM CASEY, TAYLOR KENT, JIMMY LEE, and FRANK ANDREK also took a well-earned rest...GEORGE GACEK and his wife took a trip to Poland to visit his parents...DAN LEMERY went west on his vacation to renew old acquaintances with his Indian friends on the reservation...Pension-

ers EDDIE PRUEMER, FRANK VERMAN, PETE O'REILLY, MARTY GRIFFIN, LUKE MORLEY, OLLIE HANSON, and JOE GAMEN, all the way from Orlando, Florida, paid us a visit. They all looked very good, and we wish them many years of health and happiness...HARRY MINOGUE from Stonewall, Texas, and EDWARD PLIKUHN from St. Petersburg, Florida, also paid us a visit. Ed is now 79 years old and was staying with his niece, Mrs. DENIS DOUGHERTY, while he was here in Chicago. Ed had 40 years of service with CTA and CSL before taking his pension. Harry and his wife also visited Alaska where they both had a wonderful time...We hope that VINCE ONDRIAS who hurt his arm, and WALLY GROCH who was off sick, are now well and back working...Pensioner TOM FLANAGAN looks well and happy and says hello to all his old pals at 69th...Congratulations to W. E. MOORE on his appointment as supervisor. He is a real nice guy, so don't take too much advantage of him, fellows...Another nice guy is Operator C. B. BLOCKER who recently became a papa... Mrs. JOHANNA JENNIE CARSON, the mother-in-law of our former chief clerk, ART LIPPHARDT, celebrated her 100th birthday on July 22...C. F. THOMA took his first plane ride when he vacationed in California...Mrs. YOUNG sent me a card from Burbank, California, and said that MICKEY shot the toughest 18 holes in the world, and lost five golf balls. So, no more golf for him. She said they had a fine time, with something different to do each day...JIMMY MALONEY took a trip to Ireland to see all the wonderful sights and scenes he remembered from long ago...Good luck to E. KUNKE who transferred to 77th Street, and to J. MILLER who transferred to Beverly Station...Welcome back to BEN WILLS who was off due to illness...So, fellows, keep the news coming in; to Jim in the repair department, and to me in my mail box in the train room. Remember to drive safely, work carefully, and be free of accidents. God bless you.

*- Art Buesing & Jimmy Ahern*

**77TH STREET -**

The 1971-72 bowling league began on August 27. The league is seeking new members for additional teams. See Operator BARNES for more information...Operator ROBERT BARCLAY's daughter, Mrs. VICKY PATTON, recently gave birth to a baby girl. The little one was named LATRICE NICOLE. This is grandpa Barclay's first grandchild, so extend congratulations to him, fellows...The vacation season is over for most of us, and to those few who have not had your vacations, just "hang in there."..Operator and Board Member TED BURNETT and his wife motored to New York. Did you two enjoy the "sights" of the city?.. Operator CHARLIE JOHNSON took several short trips and did some fishing. How about a good fish tale, Charlie?..I saw Operator BATTLES just before he left on vacation, and I must say he looked 20 years younger (I wonder why?)... Operator F. MOSS and his wife are vacationing in Miami, Florida, and the Bahamas...Operator BOOKER BYERS and his wife, BARBARA, enjoyed their vacation in Canada...Supervisor BILL THOMAS and his family spent their vacation in South America. That's what Bill said. Ask him for more information about his trip...Operator PERCY REDDICK and his wife, ZELDA, motored to Texas on their vacation. Percy says that he will never travel to Texas in August again--the weather was just too hot...Supervisor LEE, 79th and Cottage Grove, and his family traveled to Detroit, Michigan, for their vacation. Glad to see you back, Lee, and that's putting it mildly...Say, fellows, summer is almost gone and I haven't heard a single "fish story". Either you guys have gone soft or you have decided to stop telling them. Any replies?..I received a card from Operator HARRY CARTER who is visiting the Republic of Senegal. He said that this is the trip to make. I am sure he will have many interesting things to tell us when he returns...Operator BEN GULLEY is a little under the weather. He's been having a problem with his back, so if you see him, please don't slap him there...Pensioner and Mrs. WILLIAM BAKER celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 17 with a family dinner. The Bakers were honored with a Papal blessing from the Vatican, and they also received congratulatory messages from President Nixon and Mayor Daley. Bill was a bus repairman until retiring in 1967 after more than 30 years of service...Congratulations are also in order for Pensioner J. SHAW and his wife who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 27. Shaw was a former instructor who retired in 1965 after more than 42 years of service...Our sincere and heartfelt sympathy is extended to the families of Instructor J. C. WHITE in the untimely passing of his son, ADRIAN; Operator LUTHER LEE on the loss of his father, and former Board Member JAY DALTON whose wife passed away. ..During the month of August the following operators joined the Courtesy Caravan: R. EDWARDS, N. LEE, J. KENT, R. SHORES, R. RENO, T. SPENCER, F. MOSS, A. LEWIS, M. MATTHEWS, T. WILCOP, J. MARTIN, D. CORBIN, J. SMITH, C. PARRISH, L. BROWN, M. HENDERSON, H. JONES, G. SEYMOUR, R. WILLIAMS, and C. RULE. Congratulations to all of you and keep up the good work...Sergeant NORMAN WHITENHILL, the son of Supervisor and Mrs. BILL WHITENHILL, was united in holy matrimony to Miss JOYCE WHITFIELD on Saturday, August 22, at St. John De LaSalle church. Norman is stationed at Norton AFB, California, and the young couple will reside in San Bernardino, California, where the bride is a student at UCLA...Congratulations to Operator HARRY LAWS and his lovely bride, MILDRED, on their recent marriage. They entertained relatives and friends at a lavish reception in the new Robert's motel on Sunday, September 19. Operator CLAUDE BURNS was in charge of the music. It was indeed a beautiful affair and a wonderful time was had by all... September was a month of celebrations in the GRESHAM household. Your reporter and his wife, MARILYN, celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary on September 7 while their daughters, DENISE and SANDRA, celebrated their birthdays on September 18 and 24, respectively...Supervising Instructor RAY PRYOR and his instruction force would like to take this opportunity to thank all the operators and line instructors for their assistance during the recent F.T.T. training program. Ray said they couldn't have made it without you, and let's make 77th Street number one... Let's remember our sick and shut-ins: HORACE FLOURNOY in St. George's hospital, room 304; Former Operator COLLYMORE in Louise Burg hospital; Operator GARRETT in the Veteran's Research hospital, 333 E. Huron street, and Operator W. KILLIAN in St. Joseph's bospital, 2900 Lake Shore drive...The annual Transit News dinner was held at the M&M Club in the Merchandise Mart on Friday, September 10. Those who were present had an opportunity to meet Transit Board Chairman MICHAEL CAFFERTY and his wife, PASTORA. We were impressed with his plans for the CTA in the near future. A conducted tour of the communications center and other offices gave us a better understanding of the company.

*- Elcosie Gresham*

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"Together we will make the difference." That's the theme of the 1971 Crusade of Mercy. What's the difference?

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TO ALL EMPLOYEES:

Since coming to CTA I have been looking for a way that I could personally recognize individual operating employees for outstanding performance. The Chairman's Award which I have recently instituted, gives me a means for giving such recognition.

The Award is unique for an employee to receive. He will be an individual who is superior in giving service to the CTA and to the public. I am being continuously apprised of individual acts of outstanding performance, and shall make the selection myself of those who are deserving to receive the Award.

To inaugurate this incentive award program, I have selected two gentlemen who have brought great credit to CTA and to themselves, Bus Operators James McWilliams and Cleven Wardlow.

Operator McWilliams recently came to the aid of a CTA rider who was being assaulted. In addition to the Chairman's Award which I presented him, he has also been honored by Mayor Daley with Chicago's Medal of Merit and the Police Department with their Citizen's Award.

Operator Wardlow is known to many CTA riders as the driver of the "Happy Bus" and is CTA's champion for receiving commendations. Earlier this year he was named as one of 100 citizens judged to best represent Chicago's "I will" spirit. In 1969 he was honored as one of ten outstanding Chicago area public service employees.

Both men have done much to improve the overall image of CTA and are highly deserving of the Chairman's Award. Judging by the increasing number of reports which I am reviewing, I am confident these two men are only the first of many transit employees to be honored in this program.

Sincerely,

Michael Cafferty
Chairman

Accepting the Chairman's Award from Transit Board Chairman Michael Cafferty are Bus Operators Cleven Wardlow (center) and James McWilliams.


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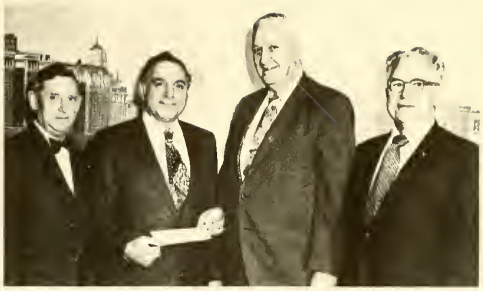
# APPROVE SUGGESTION AWARDS TOTALLING $2,185

CASH AWARDS totalling $2,185 were recently approved by the Executive Decision Committee of the Employee Suggestion Plan and checks for amounts from $25 to $1,225 were presented to CTA employees.

Winning the largest check was Nick Simonetti, South Shops, shown here accepting his award from General Manager Thomas B. O'Connor. Looking on are Operating Manager Charles E. Keiser (left), chairman of the Executive Decision Committee, and Superintendent of Shops & Equipment George Clark.



Other cash award winners include Kenneth Blocker of Skokie Shops, whose two suggestions brought him checks for $160 and $90, Joseph Sarata of Skokie Shops ($120), William Rafferty of South Shops ($85), Stanley Romanosky of South Shops ($50), James Skizas of South Shops ($50), John Gritis of Reproduction Services ($25), Joseph Sabol of Schedule-Traffic ($25), and Steven Wickert of Engineering-West Shops ($25). As a supplemental award on his suggestion of a year ago, Jerome Pavel of South Shops was awarded $55.

For having submitted their second adoptable suggestion within a year, 11 CTA employees were presented checks of $25 each: General Office—Mary Ann Bohat and Mary Traxler of Claim, Regina Daren of Medical, William Finkler of Training & Accident Prevention, Joan Fitzgerald and John Gritis of Reproduction Services, and Nancy Johnson of Traffic Planning. Transportation—James Schumpp of North Section. Shops & Equipment—John Kalinowski of South Shops. Electrical—Arthur Maxwell of Blue Island. Engineering—Donald Johnson of West Shops.

For submitting suggestions which were adopted by the Committee, each of the following 23 employees was presented a $10 Jewel/Osco gift certificate: Shops & Equipment—Edward Bartkus, Walter Hestroffer, John Kalinowski, James Oostman, and Jerome Pavel, all of South Shops; August Richter of Skokie Shops, and Joseph Ward Jr. of Forest Glen Garage. General Office—Mary Ann Bohat (winner of two gift certificates) and Marjorie Schintz of Claim; John Gritis of Reproduction Services; William Finkler and Joseph O'Sullivan of Training & Accident Prevention, and Genevieve Berg and Arlene Zittman of Employee Relations. Transportation-Surface—Harold Croner and Rudolph Neurauter of Forest Glen. Transportation-Rapid Transit—Rudolph Dillon of South District, Edward Ferrarro of West Section, Marvin Hildbold of North District, and Kenneth Koral of Howard. Stores—Paul Jankowski of Skokie Shops. Engineering—Edward Peterson of West Shops.

## No. 71 Bus Route Extended to Serve Yates Avenue

CTA'S NEWEST bus route, No. 71 71st-Yates, began operating December 20, providing direct service to the 69/Dan Ryan rapid transit station from an area along Yates avenue south of 71st street.

The new route was formed by extending the 71st street service south to 95th street and then over the Yates-95th route to 104th street. Buses on 71st street continue to operate daily between 69 station and 73rd/Exchange, supplemented by 71st-Yates buses on weekdays. The No. 89 Yates-95th route was absorbed by the new line and lightly-used weekday evening and Saturday service between 91st/Baltimore and 104th/Torrence was discontinued.

Operating Monday through Friday, the new service is provided northbound from 104th/Torrence from 6:00 a.m. to 6:21 p.m. and southbound from 69 station from 6:00 a.m. to 6:32 p.m. The routing in the northbound direction is from 104th via Torrence, 103rd, Yates, 95th, Colfax, South Chicago, Yates, 71st and State. Southbound buses operate from 69 station via Lafayette, Vincennes, 71st, Yates, South Chicago, Colfax, 95th, Yates, 103rd, Hoxie and 104th.

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CTA RECENTLY completed a project described by Transit Board Chairman Michael Cafferty as the largest public hearing ever held for a federal funding application. It was conducted in conjunction with a grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation to fund a $121 million two-year capital program.

"Project Suggestion Bus" began with two vintage buses, both of which will be replaced when the grant application is approved. The interiors of the buses were totally redesigned but the exteriors were left untouched. In each bus, the first one-third of the interior was refurbished with new lighting, different color schemes, various wall treatments and alternative style seating. In effect, it suggested to the people a variety of atmospheres and environments, and comments were invited.

Suggestion Bus at Civic Center Plaza.

# 35,000 VISIT CTA SUGGESTION BUS

The rear two-thirds of the buses became a virtual gallery of renderings and information pertinent to the $121 million two-year capital replacement program. The walls were wood-panelled, there was carpeting throughout, and CTA personnel were present to guide, explain and answer questions.

The buses went to the people, locating at 25 busy sites during an ensuing two-week period. Advertisements in the metropolitan and community newspapers told when and where the buses would be present and asked people to visit and make comments.

"At the time we began, we publicly estimated that 6,000 to 7,000 visitors would have pleased us. In fact, we registered 35,000 persons," Mr. Cafferty said. More than 30,000 took the time to fill out questionnaires concerning the capital program. They made certain selections, expressed preferences and commented on how CTA could provide better service to the community.

Among CTA departments that contributed to the success of the project were the following: Electrical, Equipment Research & Development, Photographic, Public Information, Research/Planning, Shops & Equipment, Technical Services, Traffic Planning and Transportation.

Mayor Richard J. Daley and Transit Board Chairman Michael Cafferty view Suggestion Bus displays.

Questionnaires being completed by Suggestion Bus visitors.

Renderings depict major projects in capital program.

Representatives of the Chinese community discuss CTA plans with Mr. Cafferty.

Merry Christmas!
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With deep appreciation
for all the blessings
bestowed upon us ...
we reach out to our friends
in CTA to share with us
the joys of this HOLIDAY season
Merry Christmas!
GENERAL MANAGER
CHAIRMAN

# Medically Speaking

## by Dr. George H. Irwin

### CHOLESTEROL—
### Important Factor in Circulatory Diseases

THIS SUBJECT is a timely one, because of the increasing incidence of heart disease, high blood pressure, strokes, and associated diseases. Enough scientific information is available to indicate that increased blood cholesterol level may be a factor in the development and course of circulatory diseases. However, it must also be understood that the proper amount of cholesterol is an essential and vital part of every body cell. In other words, the right amount is fine, but too much causes trouble.

Cholesterol resembles fats chemically, but is not the true fatty substance. It properly belongs to the group of chemical compounds known as steroids (it is a white, glistening, crystalline substance, soapy to the touch).

To illustrate the good and bad effects of cholesterol, two examples will be cited. With a normal level of blood cholesterol the cell wall permeability is controlled, preventing water passing through the skin and controlling abnormal evaporation of water from the body surface. The example of too much cholesterol is demonstrated in many circulatory disorders (especially coronary heart disease). In this group, excess cholesterol is found in the walls of the arteries. This results in degeneration and narrowing of the arteries.

At this point, I would like to mention the sources of cholesterol. Many people believe that cholesterol comes from the food we eat. This is not true. It has been shown that almost half of the blood cholesterol is generated or partly controlled by the thyroid and adrenal glands and also the liver. This explains why in certain cases the blood cholesterol may be abnormally high even if the individual is on a very low cholesterol diet.

The common clinical disorders in which a high cholesterol is found are: heart diseases, especially coronary diseases; hardening of the arteries (atherosclerosis); high blood pressure; strokes; hypothyroid diseases; obesity or overweight; gall stones; severe emotional disorders; hereditary groups diabetes; kidney disorders, and heavy cigarette smoking. The symptoms or presence of a high cholesterol, of course, are related to the disease in which they are found.

A simple blood cholesterol test will tell what you want to know. The normal level runs between 150 and 300 milligrams.

In the past decade national diet-heart studies have been carried out in many of the large cities in the U.S. In this study very carefully prepared diets were available for a special group of patients. It was shown that low-fat diets and unsaturated fats reduced the blood cholesterol 10 to 15 per cent. Figures also showed a 5 to 10 per cent reduction in coronary disease and a number of persons who lost weight. This study is important and research is continuing.

The following foods are high in cholesterol: butter, cheese, cream and cream substitutes, whole milk, ice cream, egg yolk, cold cuts, bacon, sausage, frankfurters, most frozen dinners, commercial baked goods, and chocolate.

The following foods are moderate in cholesterol: beef, lamb, pork, and ham.

The following foods are low in cholesterol: oils (except cocoanut oil), margarine with liquid oil labeled as the first ingredient, peanut butter, sherbet, ice milk, and nuts.

The following foods have little or no cholesterol: skimmed milk, yogurt made from low-fat milk, cottage cheese, all vegetables including potatoes, fruits (except avocado), breads, cereals, pretzels, gelatin desserts, angel food cake, and cocoa powder.

If you have any reason to think your cholesterol may be elevated, arrange to see your family doctor and follow his advice.

BIRTH DEFECTS ARE FOREVER

...unless you help.
give to the
MARCH OF DIMES

# ISC, ESC Winners Named for Third Quarter

ESC AWARDS, won by men in Shops & Equipment Department work locations with the least injuries during the third quarter of 1971, were recently presented to foremen in all three competing areas. Accepting the surface garage award was 52nd Street Foreman H. Johnson, pictured above left with Garage Supervisor J. T. Anderson. Forest Park Maintenance Terminal Foreman A. Swoope, above, is holding the rapid transit terminal award he received from Superintendent of Rapid Transit Shops & Terminals J. Bolech. Superintendent of Surface System Shops J. A. Rosendhal, at left, is displaying the shops award he accepted from Superintendent of Surface System Shops & Garages J. J. Repplinger. Point scores achieved by the three winning locations, expressed in injuries per 100,000 man-hours worked, were zero for 52nd Street and Forest Park, 95.5 for South Shops.

ISC AWARDS, won by Transportation Department employes at the surface and rapid transit operating stations which achieved the best safety performance in the third quarter of 1971, were recently accepted by station superintendents. North Avenue Superintendent R. K. Keag, pictured at left, accepts the surface plaque from Transit Board Chairman Michael Cafferty. Forest Park Superintendent T. D. Boyle, above, received the rapid transit plaque from Superintendent of Transportation D. M. Flynn. Forest Park's point score for the quarter was a perfect 75.00, North Avenue's was 61.41.

# THE INSIDE NEWS

## AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**ACCOUNTING (General) -**

HARRIET KRYZAN had a very thrilling vacation. She flew to Ft. Everglades, Florida, and took a Caribbean Cruise visiting Jamaica, Antigua, the Leeward Islands, Curacao, Puerto Rico, and even Caracas, Venezuela...While on vacation MARGARET WALKER went to a wedding in Wyandotte, Michigan. Her niece, BARBARA WALKER, was married to ANTHONY MEDEIROS. Margaret also visited the Ford Museum and was amazed by the many antiques that are now appearing in modern versions...KATHY SLOYAN spent an enjoyable three weeks in Ireland visiting family and friends, and the countryside looked just as beautiful as ever. Kathy and her girl friend, LOLA, climbed Croagh Patrick, a mountain, near West Port, County Mayo, on the peak of which stands a little church which was built at the time of St. Patrick in the year 432...We extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to THOMAS McGRATH, supervisor of Accounts Payable and Material Accounting, whose sister, HELEN McGRATH, passed away on September 25. Burial was in Wilmington, Illinois. Also, our sympathy is extended to DENNIS McFADDEN and his family on the death of his grandmother, MARIA RIZZO, who passed away on October 23. Entombment was in Queen of Heaven cemetery...MABEL POTTHAST, retiree, formerly of General Accounting, returned from a three-month stay in California. She traveled to Long Beach, San Diego, and all over Southern California having a very good time. She attended the golden wedding anniversary of the LEON SALISBURYS at Bell Flower, California. They had people from Chicago at this celebration and many friends from surrounding California. . . Congratulations are in order for JAMES TOUHY on his appointment as executive board member of Division 241, filling the vacancy caused by the retirement of WILLIAM DEVEREUX...A card came all the way from Bombay, India, 8,840 miles away, where LOIS JAHNKE is traveling with her family. There was a time change of 11½ hours, and she found the people were great and the Indian dishes a little on the hot side. She visited caves which were really religious shrines, attended a Hindu wedding, and visited New Delhi with its beautiful buildings and memorial monuments. We will have more on this trip when Lois returns...The CTA Mart golfers had their fall tournament at the Villa Olivia country club on October 9 and a good time was had by all.

*- Jeanne Fitzgerald*

**(Payroll) -**

Mr. and Mrs. STANLEY MAILUCK made the ever popular auto trip around Lake Michigan this summer, and they always manage to see all the points of interest whenever and wherever they travel. Starting out on the Michigan side, they saw windmills and the wooden shoe dance in Holland, and took the one-hour tour of the Cook Nuclear Power station in Bridgeman, Michigan. When in Sault Ste. Marie they took a boat trip through the Soo locks on the American side and returned by way of the Canadian locks. They enjoyed taking an eight mile bicycle ride around the island of Mackinac where the trail follows the shoreline and is very scenic. The only traffic on the island consists of people, carriages, and bicycles. They leisurely returned home by way of Wisconsin, stopping and browsing along the way...At a luncheon in the M&M Club on September 29, our guest of honor was JOANNE STASI who was leaving our department to become a housewife and mother. We were sorry to see her leave, but our very best wishes go with her and we know she will be very happy in her new role... CHRISTINE CAMERON and her sister enjoyed a scenic motor trip to Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri, then to St. Charles, Missouri, and returned by way of Indianapolis, Indiana...There is nothing nicer than saving some vacation time for the fall of the year, when brilliant autumn colors are in their glory and October's bright blue weather can be enjoyed. So, ESTHER ANDERSON, MARY CARNEY, ROSEMARY KENNY, MARGE ORGAN, DORIS YOST, and your scribe did just that!..We had two lucky winners in the world series baseball pool, JOSEPHINE COLEMAN won on October 11 and MARY JANE HOSTETTER was the holder of the winning score October 14. Yea, team!

*- Clara Lawrence*

**BEVERLY -**

Let's get started by thanking management for a swell reporters dinner and for allowing us to bring along the ball and chain for the first time. It made it a more family-like evening. Transit Board Chairman MICHAEL CAFFERTY and his wife were there, and all of us had the pleasure of meeting with them. Reporter W. A. HENRY of Forest Glen was the life of the party at the table of your co-reporter, AMOS FOSTER. He carried on a running argument with ERNEST CARTER of Keeler. . . Birthday greetings to AMOS FOSTER Jr. on October 4, WILLIE COX on October 7, JOAN SHELTON on October 17, and to me, AMOS FOSTER Sr., on November 8. Have a nice time all, I will...Operator LARRY LARSEN keeps saying write about me, but he never gives me anything to write. One thing I can say is that this pick he follows me, and that's much better than me following him. With the clerk shift, it's good to see BILL McCARTHY back even for one day a week. CARL is back too...Operators WILLIE McCANN, RAY HELM, and "The Big One" are having a ball every morning trying to out-lie each other. As I see it, SCOTTY is way ahead--having experience as an officer in the army gives him an edge...My Amvet Post 247 is having a big turkey raffle on November 20, just in time for Thanksgiving. I will be on vacation at the time to see who the winners are, and maybe I will get an invite...Someone kept trying to break into my house, so the police told me to get a dog. I did, a German shepard. Already she has bitten a neighbor, gotten me a ticket, a day off to go to court, torn up four pair of houseshoes for my wife, and eats like a horse. It makes me wonder who is more expensive--the dog or the burglar.

*- Tom Daniels & Amos Foster*

**CTA POLICE -**

Any reports that the Illinois Police Association convention at the Arlington Park Towers hotel was uneventful are

unfounded. Police officials were sounding off on current topics and incidents. CTA officers present indulged in some congregating. There was the usual convention frolicking (you can hear about that through the grapevine). Everyone had something to say about the $10 a plate dinner-dance on Monday night. Present for all three days as CTA police delegates were PAUL WALLACE (your IPA rep), Sergeant PAUL FIDANZE, WYNN, POTTER, JAQUEST, JONAS, LEAHY, GOLDWATER, and ROY SCHNEIDER. During the delegates sessions Chicago Police Deputy Superintendent JAMES ROCHEFORD ran films of the Grant Park rock festival riot. Congressman ROMAN PUCINSKI told of his deep concern over the drug problem among Viet Nam GI's. Cook County States Attorney EDWARD HANRAHAN minced no words with news people covering the IPA sessions. Mr. Hanrahan stated that news coverage of his office's affairs has been very unfair. The delegates also had the solemn duty of visiting the hospitality suites hosted by many of the IPA divisions including Tri-County. Attending the dinner-dance were DALE and MARGE POTTER, Sergeant FRANK and MARION KRETZ, Frank's brother-in-law, RICHARD JUNE and his fiancee CATHERINE, JACK LEAHY, and BILL and YVONNE JAQUEST at one table. At a table nearby were LEON RUTH, ED GARNER, JAY JONAS and JOAN BANASIAK, Sergeant PAUL FIDANZE, PAUL WALLACE, JIM WYNN, and MARV GOLDWATER. Across the hall were HAROLD and CATHERINE EICHAKER, JOHN and DOROTHY FIRLINGER, Sergeant TOM and MARY SULZER, FRANK and PEGGY INGRASSIA, Sergeant ANTHONY and FRANCESCA MOKSTAD, and Sergeant BOB and MINNIE CULBERTSON. WILLIAM BAUER, federal prosecutor for the Chicago area, stressed in his dinner speech that law enforcement people should maintain a tight, strong unity in pursuing their goals. The next day President Nixon nominated Mr. Bauer for a federal judgeship. IPA President-elect IRVIN McDOUGALL (Lieutenant, Arlington Heights) gave recognition to Mr. HANRAHAN who was at the dinner, and the 1,004 IPA members and guests gave Mr. Hanrahan a 5-minute standing ovation. . . The Transit News reporters had their annual dinner at the M&M Club in the Mart. Transit Board Chairman MICHAEL CAFFERTY spoke of the CTA's new theme, "We're getting a move on...THE NEW CTA."..Lieutenant LOHSE retired November 1. Ray was a conductor out of Kedzie Depot before becoming one of the original 16 CTA police in January, 1953. Well known for being conversant with many subjects, Ray will be missed by all of us. The Lohse's two grandchildren--including the newest, KATHLEEN RUTH--should be getting a lot of attention from granddad, now. A retirement party on September 29 at the office honored Lieutenant Lohse and RICHARD GISINER. Both received a retirement star and a bond. Superintendent of Transportation D. M. FLYNN, Superintendent NORMAN GRAVER, and Chief MILLER were there to wish the retirees the best... JIM LA FOLLETTE was injured and had damage to his auto when he was cut off by another car. He's back on the job now...Climbing a ladder to work on the roof of his house proved disasterous for JOHN FIRLINGER. A ladder rung broke causing a bad fall for John, but he's back doing a great job...Sergeant ANTHONY MOKSTAD is back after a stay at St. Elizabeth's hospital. Recently Moxie's son, BILL, distinguished himself. "Little Moxie", a former CTA officer now at the 15th District, and his partner were honored with a Chicago Police Department commendation for catching a group of store burglars in the act. CTA officers who have left to join other law enforcement agencies have done outstanding work on their new police jobs...

THEY SAY that one picture is worth a thousand words, well here is one of HARRY HEFTER, the husband of ANNETTE HEFTER, Engineering, who is shown with two of the four marlin he caught while on a fishing trip to LaPaz, Mexico.

Chief BOB and MARGARET MILLER were around town on their vacation. There's a new spot in the office where the chief can be found...A grandpa now, Sergeant TOM SULZER is quite proud of ANGELA, his first grandchild. Angela was born to Tom's daughter, JEAN, and her husband, RAY ENAMA...AL COLLINS is getting reacquainted with the North Unit assignments. Gordon, the cat, has been controlling the mice menace at Wilson Shops. Don't be misled by the name, Gordon now has five kittens. On the list of foster-fathers for the kittens are all the officers on the Wilson Shops post, PAUL JANKOWSKI, CHARLIE DUNNE, and BOB GORZ at Storeroom 43, JEFF KEATING and GEORGE WAGNER in the blacksmith shop, and PAT DOYLE, DAVE GREIG, ELMER STOKES, CAS KOTARA, and NORM MILLIES in the relay room...Secret Message Department: Officers CM and HB say Sergeants CB and FK aren't worth beans at bowling...At Halsted and Madison a man was bothering a woman and her child waiting at a bus stop. A second man joined in the disturbance. The woman and child were knocked down by the two men. BILL KLODNICKI and JOHN FIRLINGER were across the street but not for long. In short order they were on the same side of the street and had the two men under arrest. Both offenders had arrest histories for committing violence against people...BOB HAWKINS, a former bus operator, had the 77th Street unit. He heard a broadcast that a Wentworth bus was disabled and the driver was due to get relieved. Bob knew he was at the relief point, and after clearing it with the radio dispatcher, told the relief driver to pull out. This small act of CTA Teamwork kept service running better. When you see a chance to help out, do as Bob did and offer your assistance...Thieves have been vandalizing the coin mechanisms of the parking lot gates at 64th and Justine. RAY WISNIEWSKI and DAN MARTINIAK attempted to grab some youths damaging the machines, but the offenders ran. Wiz and Dan figured where the offenders were heading and several blocks away one of the surprised culprits walked right into the arms of these two officers... After dark on a Saturday evening, 15 fire extinguishers were taken from buses at North Park Depot. CHESTER MAZURKIEWICZ and DALE POTTER on the Limits unit, teamed up with Chicago Police squads to capture five young teens who were discharging the extinguishers along the river south of the depot. These officers recovered 13 extinguishers...In a family way are CHESTER and JOSEPHINE MAZURKIEWICZ. Their first is due in March... Abandoned autos under the "L" structure are an ever present problem. GORDON PURTELL on the Limits unit day car noticed five autos with license number prefixes that

Hertz cars usually have. This was south of Montrose on the main line. Later checks of these autos disclosed parts missing. Lieutenant LEONARD HAAS of the Community Service Aide project, Uptown Model Cities program, aided Purtell in finding out that the autos weren't reported stolen, but Hertz was the owner. The Hertz company thought the cars were still in a lot at O'Hare airport. Auto theft detectives arrived to set up a surveillance. Police watched the vehicles being stripped from the lower yard at Wilson. Six members of a motorcycle gang, all well-known auto thieves, were arrested. Five Hertz cars and four other stolen cars were recovered. Keeping your "head on a swivel" gets results. Purtell's actions exemplify initiative, perseverance, and a knack for cooperating with other police agencies. Thanks to Lieutenant Haas for his very valuable assistance. . . Earlier this year Superintendent GRAVER gave instructions to Chicago Police officers of the Mass Transit Unit on the special techniques of catching offenders on the transit lines. The newspapers have been telling how well the Chicago Police learned their lessons... Many happy returns to those having birthdays in October: WYNN (5th), KLODNICKI (6th), BUTLER and CONSENTINO (7th), LA FOLLETTE (11th), MAZURKIEWICZ (15th), and BUGAL (29th); and in November: COLLINS (11th), McKENZIE (15th), and ROBINSON (22nd)...Errors will happen. JOHN FIRLINGER and MIKE LONERGAN weren't on the Transit News mailing list. They're now getting each spectacular issue. Should you know of a fellow employee not getting his copy, contact your scribe or send a note to the Transit News office in Room 742.

*- Timothy O'Mahony*

**CLAIM & LAW -**

We would like to extend a warm welcome to three new members of the Claim Department staff, MICHELLE VITALE, the daughter of MIKE VITALE, claim adjuster, LINDA LeMONNIER, formerly with the Engineering Department, and MARGE SCHINTZ, formerly with Stenographic Department...Goodbye and good luck to three familiar faces: MARION KLAUER, LOIS CRAWLEY, and SHARI SMITH. Marion retired on September 1 after 46 years of service with Chicago Motor Coach and CTA, all of which were spent in the Claim Department. Lois and CLARENCE CRAWLEY are the new owners of a home in South Berwyn, Illinois. Lois left the company to enjoy a new career as homemaker. Shari is now at home preparing for a new arrival sometime in December...Mr. and Mrs. ROY JACKSON, the parents of two boys, have been making a few changes lately. The first change was from blue to pink since the birth of their daughter, PATRISIE, on June 26... MIKE MALINOWSKI, vault file clerk, entered the air force on September 8. He is starting out his four-year term in San Antonio, Texas...TIMOTHY JAMES O'ROURKE, the son of TIM O'ROURKE, court assistant, was married to NANCE FISHER on September 24 at St. Cajetan church. The newlyweds will reside in Peoria, Illinois, after their honeymoon. ..Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. JIM HICKEY, the new owners of a home in Bridgeview, Illinois...RICH FABREY, vault file clerk, was transferred to Skokie Shops as a material clerk. Good luck in your new position...Wedding bells will be ringing for DIANE RITROVATO, the daughter of FRANK RITROVATO, Archer Station instructor, and JOE PECORARO of North Avenue Station. Diane and Joe were engaged on September 25 and plan to be married in St. Angela's church on October 7, 1972...DENNIS SIPICH, Claim Department locator, was married to THERESA GODFREY on October 16 at St. Gabriel's church. The reception was held at Villa-Busche, which was especially enjoyed by many of his close co-workers. Dennis and Theresa spent their six-day honeymoon in Las Vegas, Nevada... MARY TRAXLER recently was the recipient of a Jewel-Osco gift certificate for $10 in addition to a $25 suggestion award as a result of having submitted two acceptable suggestions within a year...MARY BERRY enjoyed a four-week vacation touring England, Ireland, and Scotland.

Since you last heard from us a number of the Law Department staff went on vacation. COLLEEN BRADY, along with her sister, PAT, enjoyed a three-week vacation touring Ireland. They rented a car and drove 1,650 miles along the coastline. Special places of interest were President John F. Kennedy's ancestral home, and also the "Ring of Kerry", a 110-mile stretch in the Dingle Peninsula of County Kerry, which is the most scenic part of Ireland. They loved the green countryside, brought back many souveniers and memories, and hope to go back again some day...JIM ALEX, MARV LUCKMAN, LEON WOOL, and their wives spent a long weekend in the Bahamas. Leon caught a 9-foot, 450 pound shark, except it keeps getting bigger every time the story is told. Jim caught a barracuda and Marv fell in. All in all, they had a great time with a lot of story-telling going on...PEGGY McCLELLAND and PHYLLIS BRZECZEK vacationed in Mexico City and Acapulco, Mexico, where the sun was bright and the bargains were many...Our baseball team didn't finish in first place, but we're still proud of our third place standing...Congratulations to MARV and PEGGY LUCKMAN on the birth of their son, WILLIAM, on November 5.

*- Rose Ritrovato & Terri Kramer*

**CONGRESS (Agents) -**

Agent FAY CAPRIO will be leaving for Hawaii, the land of sunshine and orchids; may her cargo be happiness... Welcome back to MICHAEL HANDLEY, and a big welcome to those recently hired...Agent BADER MOHAMMED was married on October 3. It was a fabulous wedding with all the homeland festivities and goodies. Bader's mother and father flew in from Jerusalem for the occasion. It was their second trip this year...Agent GEORGE SUPKAY came in very excited because of the good buy he made on scuba diving gear. George is from Argentina and has done mountain climbing, water and snow skiing. He's also an ama-

DEBORAH JONES, a recent high school graduate, was the recipient of a full scholarship to the college of her choice. Deborah is the daughter of 77th Street Operator ULYSSES JONES.

teur radio enthusiast. . . Agent VIOLET MOEHRING and Clerk E. PFANNKUCHE are to be married this month. Congratulations and best wishes for your happiness...Agent MARY DOYLE took an early retirement. Mary is planning to visit Ireland. It is always sad to see nice people like Mary leave. Good luck!..Agent MARY NOLAN retired last month. Sorry there was a misprint of your name. We hope that you and your sister, ELIZABETH, enjoy your trip to Florida...Janitor WALTER McNEAL and his wife, SALLY, spent part of their vacation with relatives in Jackson, Mississippi...Janitor AUSTIN YOUNG looked like he enjoyed his vacation...Operator SOL BERLIN of Kedzie Station retired. May all his days be happy ones...Motorman WILKINS is one of the nice people we meet in the early morning. Whenever he stops he waits to see that the agent is safe before he pulls away from the station. He's always ready and willing to do a good deed for someone...BETTY SEGERSON is back to work after her mishap. Welcome back, Betty.

*- Julia Brousek*

**ELECTRICAL (Chicago Avenue) -**

Congratulations to LUKE HOWE and his wife, PAT, on the recent marriage of their son, TOM, to Miss ANN MARIE SEREDA...Congratulations to FRED KOSS who is a grandfather again...A happy new home owner is PETE GRAF, line foreman of the construction gang, who is taking up where CHARLIE KNUTSON left off...TED NADROWSKI has returned to work after a long siege of illness...TERRY McANDREWS, who was in and out of the hospital, has returned to work looking very trim. Not to be outdone, JOHN SABIN, who was also in and out of the hospital, has returned to work...A couple of the night-riders were on vacation, RUDY SCHOEN and R. L. SMITH. I guess what they had were "honey do" vacations...WILLIE DUNN and his wife, KATIE, headed to San Francisco, Los Angeles, Reno, and Las Vegas on their vacation. They visited Southern Illinois. Did you plow the "south forty", Willie?..At the last report, JIM ROEBER was resting comfortably in Columbus hospital...A plumber, FRED ODROWSKI is not! His white arm with all the bits of advice written on it will testify to that...A cordial welcome is extended to JOE CUNNINGHAM, LOUIE AUGUSTYN, and JIM BEATTY.

*- Ben Nielsen*

**(Blue Island) -**

Hello to all our pensioners. It's always nice to hear from you. I received a card from ARVIN WILMONT down Florida way. JOE NAGRODSKI stopped in to say hello while waiting for a mug shot for his riding pass. JOHN FINLAY has joined your ranks after 45 years of service... A warm welcome to the Electrical Department is extended to WAYNE J. MARTIN, JOHN B. WOLFE, WILBERT POST, and MICHAEL FLYNN...We were all happy to hear of the arrival of one future beauty queen, AILEEN MARIE, born to PAT and PATRICIA GRIFFIN; and a son born to PATRICIA ANN and RICHARD NELSON and named RUSSELL LEE...Fishing in the Ozarks and catching their quota were DOROTHY and CHESTER MATUSZEWSKI...ZIGGY and DOT DOBOSIEWICZ spent a week at his hideaway in Hayworth, Wisconsin. . . DOLORES and BOB BOOTH wrapped their summer home up for the winter. It is also in Hayworth, Wisconsin...A happy retirement to CHARLEY MULBRANDON who retired on November 1...TED WYNCOTT keeps himself busy working weekends at his summer home in Lake Delavan, Wisconsin. . . RONALD B. DONNELLY, B helper, was married on October 16 to JANICE PIKONSLY at St. John's Lutheran church...A weekend fishing trip to Manitowoc Waters, Wisconsin, was enjoyed by ART MAXWELL, BILL GLASSNER, JERRY KINTZ, ED DURAL, ED FLAHERTY, SAM CHARLETON, and LOUIE ANASENES. Louie, who had not fished in 20 years, became so excited when a fish hit his line he let go of the pole instead of the line. All were the guests of JOE LAMB. P.S. Joe keep an eye open for Louie's gear.

*- William Rehder*

**(General Office) -**

MARGARET KINSEY, power clerk, was honored at a surprise retirement luncheon given by her friends and co-workers at Henrici's restaurant. Among the guests were former Electrical Engineers C. W. WOLF and C. J. BUCK; S. DANECKE, superintendent of maintenance; A. MORF, estimator; W. OLSON, power supervisor, and MARIE SCHEID, secretary, who are all retired and enjoying life. M. COOK, H. COYNE, R. DORGAN, R. KUTCHINS, V. KRUSE, F. MARIANE, W. REHDER from our Blue Island office, J. SHEA, and V. RACANELLI from our Chicago Avenue shop, were also on hand to wish her well. BERNADETTE KIZIOR was the gracious m.c. J. STEWART, power engineer, expressed all our good wishes for Margaret's future, and Electrical Engineer A. R. SANDBERG presented her with a gift of cultured pearls and a check. Margaret's 28 years of service were spent in the Electrical Department. She will be making her home in Encino, California, and we will miss her...Our annual fall picnic was a great success, thanks to the efforts of the committee: C. L. WIKSTEN, signal engineer; M. KELLY, testing engineer; M. KINSEY, power clerk, and R. BOOTH, M&A dispatcher. There were gifts and train rides for all the children, and games for everyone. Prizes were won by DENNIS DOBBYN, JACK PILIP, and CLYDE YOUNT, all of the Signal Division. The potato and stocking race winner was GEORGE CHRISTENSEN's wife, BILLIE, and JOANNE BARR, the wife of DAVE BARR, signal, won the "carmel" contest. GEORGE MATEJOVSKY's wife, MARY, won the "take-off" race, and ROY WILLIAMS' daughter, MARY LOU, was runner-up. A special thanks to Bob Booth and his wife, DOLORES, who did a great job of organizing the games and selecting the beautiful prizes...BERNADETTE KIZIOR became a godmother when her first nephew, JOSEPH FRANCIS, was christened on September 26. Joseph is the son of Dr. and Mrs. JOSEPH ZAWADZKI. His mother, the former EUGENIA KIZIOR, was a CTA employee during her college years...MARY LORETTA CHRISTENSEN was married to PAUL MIZZI on October 16. The ceremony took place at St. Helen's church in New York City. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE CHRISTENSEN, communications engineer. Best wishes for their happiness...We welcome back MATT CIOFFE and HERMAN SMITH after their recent illnesses...A belated thanks to management and the committee for making the scribes dinner a memorable evening.

*- Kay McAlister*

**(Rapid Transit Signal Division) -**

Who says a late summer and fall vacation can't be enjoyable? Keep reading...AL BRANDT spent two weeks on the road visiting the Grand Ole Opry in Chattanooga, Tennessee; Look Out Mountain in Nashville, Tennessee; the

French Quarter in New Orleans, Louisiana; Dog Patch, U.S.A., in Arkansas, and Springfield, Missouri. Al was accompanied by his wife, ALENE, his daughter, JO, and her friend. It's safer that way. . . Big DAN MORIARITY is cherishing the memory of two exciting vacation trips. The first was to Dearborn, Michigan, where he and his wife, ARLEEN, their son, DON, his brother-in-law, HERB, and his son visited the Henry Ford Museum. Then on to Niagara Falls and Toronto, Canada. Why not? They still had some money left. On their second trip, Dan drifted up to LaCrosse, Wisconsin, drinking up the scenery as he toured Heileman's Olde Style brewery. He did some fishing in the Mississippi River and caught some crappies and blue gills. Why do some guys need two vacations?..ROY (Chip-Chip) WILLIAMS and his wife, MARIAN, really know how to get away from it all. Vacationing in the South with their three daughters, NANCY, MARY LOU, and PAMELA, they visited the Marble Caves at Silver City, Missouri; took in all the sights as they went through Arkansas, and then drove to the Fort Worth-Dallas, Texas, area where they spent the most exciting moments of the entire trip--the viewing of a rodeo. Using Chip's own words, "A live rodeo is most breathtaking; it's something everyone should plan to see at least once in a lifetime."..I simply refuse to say anything about the Electrical Department's family outing. Frankly, I'm sick all the way down to my bellybutton. Nothing could be more disheartening to a reporter than to be loaded with kids, foodstuff, cameras, and note pads on the way to the annual picnic and never make it. Such was my lot. I don't know if STEVE ZELLNER, ROBERT ALBRECHT, and RICHARD VIETH were there, but they sure came from some place loaded. Loaded with abuse and ridicule for FRANK HALPER and myself about the part we didn't play at the family outing...Hey guys! FRANK BUNK is out of the basement now. He and his wife, MARGE, took a motor trip down to Florida where they visited Tampa, St. Petersburg, and Fort Myers among other spots. They did some fishing off Clearwater where Mrs. Bunk claimed the honor for the entire catch. Say, Frank, can't you do anything right? They flew back to Chicago, the shortest distance between two points..."Fishing was good, I caught 52 walleyes," is the song RICHARD VIETH has been singing since his return from his fishing trip on the Missouri River in Pierre, South Dakota, which was well worth the week off without pay...We regret the passing of ROY WILLIAMS' father, WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS, 79, in LaPorte, Indiana, on October 16...Again my faith and confidence in mankind is upheld, the aftermath on the sudden death of my mother-in-law, ARCOLA LEWIS, October 11. There were scores of friends and neighbors that asked if there was something they could do to help. But most remarkable, indeed, were the friends that didn't ask questions, but rolled up their sleeves and helped. We didn't desire to find out this way, but now we know that the world is full of beautiful people... We wish Signal Helper ART LUPESCU a speedy recovery. Art has been off with torn ligaments and a fractured ankle. . . Congratulations to JERRY GUTH and his new bride, CHRIS, who were married on October 16. They honeymooned in Las Vegas, Nevada, and Jerry said all he had to show for his venture was his beautiful wife. Oh, yes, they think they are happy...DANNY HAMMAND and PATRICIA RAGSDALE announced their engagement. Men, I think we had better join forces, for the girls are out to get us. Congratulations, Danny. It's all down hill, now. We also understand that Danny and FRANK BUNK have some "Wee Z" bonds full of water on their once polished new Kennedy line. Off hand I would say that this is something that should be looked into. Please, fellows, no drunken bonds laying around, now...BUSHBAUM has some new teeth that are causing his smile to grow considerably. Never mind trying to learn to eat, just learn to talk...BILL (The Gypsy) BAKER, foreman, looking as well as ever dropped in to say hello to the fellows at 13th and State subway. He didn't surprise anyone as we knew he would be around. But boy did he get a surprise. He arrived around lunch time, and the signal men, headed by FRANK HALPER and BOB BROWN, had set up the biggest eat-in you've ever seen. We had everything from roast beef to limburger cheese, and a big sheet cake with Bill's name on it. Every signal man worth his salt came to 13th street and even the fellows from the General Office. It was the first time I have seen all five of the signal foremen united in one common interest, eating. Did I say five? Yes, including STEVE ZELLNER who has been filling in for Bill who was off since May due to illness. We all wanted Bill to come back before his retirement. He came, now we're satisfied. On October 30 the Signal Department held a retirement party for Bill at the American Legion Hall, 5100 W. Belmont avenue. Bill, accompanied by his son, DE WAYNE BAKER, arrived to be welcomed by a large group of friends and co-workers. The party climaxed 28 years of service for Bill with the company, of which 27 were with the Signal Department. He received several gifts during the evening, with Signal Superintendent C. L. WIKSTEN presenting the initial gift. There were short speeches by J. A. McCANN and FRED S. HINCE, business manager and president, respectively, of I.B.E.W. local No. 9, VIC ZASTERA, STEVE ZELLNER, and PAUL CLEAVER. Others present were CHARLES BUTTS, HERB LOWENSTEIN, and CHARLEY KNUTSON, who Bill considered his very close friends and said this was a night he would remember for a long, long time.

*- Tommie Lowery*

CELEBRATING THEIR 50th wedding anniversary on July 24 were Pensioner and Mrs. PHILIP DiFRANCO. Mass at St. William's church was followed by a reception with family and friends at Venice Banquet hall, 5824 W. Diversey. Mr. DiFranco, who was with the Construction and Maintenance Department, retired on December 1, 1964, after 23 years of service.

**ENGINEERING -**

YOLENNE CLAUDE, clerk-typist, transferred to the Stores Department. Our congratulations and good wishes to you, Yolenne. We welcome MARYANNE KARL who transferred to our department from Employment to replace Yolenne...Our condolences are extended to FRED PETRINO

whose father, FEDERICO PETRINO, formerly of the Engineering Department, passed away... BILL VIGUS took a late vacation to the Ozarks, and who should he run into but ART MALMQUIST of the Track Division, who was staying at a resort across the way and was at home with the trolley car that ran behind his motel... Congratulations to BILL HUTCHINGS and his wife who are the proud parents of another boy, SHAWN MICHAEL, born on August 28...GREG POLADAK and his wife, MARY, Stenographic Department, moved into their new home in Brementown. Best wishes to you both...We would like to welcome another new employee, KEN HOLST, who is a mechanical designer. Ken came to us from Montgomery Ward where he was a mechanical engineer...My apologies for forgetting about this in the last issue. PAT REED transferred to the Real Estate Department from Public Information. We are glad to have you with us, Pat.

**(West Shops) -**

On August 25, VIC EISEMANN and his bride celebrated 41 years of wedded bliss. Congratulations to you both and may you celebrate many, many more years together...Our deepest sympathy is extended to the families of TONY MORTELLARO on the death of his mother, and to MALCOLM SIMPSON on the death of his father... Our hearts were saddened at the sudden death of CHARLES MOSCHGAT who suffered a fatal heart attack at West Shops...OUR MAN OF THE YEAR, FRANK READER, ironworker foreman, received a certificate from CTA Board Chairman MICHAEL CAFFERTY and General Manager THOMAS B. O'CONNOR because he was a finalist in the Superior Public Service Awards program. Frank's extra-curricular activities include: acting as a counselor representing all boys graduating from his parish school, St. Philomena, and attending Holy Cross High school. At Holy Cross he heads a committee which handles all the equipment, ushering and cleanup at all of the school's athletic events. He is on a committee concerned with chaperoning at the school's parties and erection of staging at school plays, and at one time, cooked dinner for over 300 people without difficulty (or deaths). For these services, and many more, Frank was given a Merit of Honor plaque from the Holy Cross Fathers and Brothers club associated with his church and school. Well done, Frank.

*- Darlene Jansen & Jennie Scott*

**FOREST GLEN -**

Forest Glen Depot wishes to extend a hearty welcome to our new station superintendent, GEORGE DeWITT, a gentleman who has a vast knowledge of transportation and has been a great asset to CTA for quite a number of years. Mr. DeWitt says he is looking forward to meeting all our operators. By the way, his door is always open for his men, so feel welcome to drop in for a moment and say hello. You will be greeted with a very pleasant smile and a man's hand shake... Operator BILL LEMKE and his wife are off to Canada to visit with their new grandson. Bill says he also has plans to take in a few sights while there... TED STANEK spent a few days up in the wild country of Minnesota looking for the big ones that got away last time. Ted says he has the latest equipment and is well prepared. Good luck, Ted...GEORGE FUENTES and his lovely wife covered 7,000 miles this summer while on vacation. First they traveled to the East Coast and then reversed their route and went to New Mexico. George was planning on relaxing some, but the Mrs. decided no driving for her on this trip. So big George handled the wheel all the way like the pro he is...Mr. and Mrs. BILL LYNAM toured Canada on their vacation and said the country was very beautiful. Sorry, Mrs. Lynam, about your anniversary, but a belated happy one to you both. Yours truly doesn't always remember, so next time tell Bill to write it down for me... Good news--JOHN MAHNKE is now a grandfather. The little fellow who weighed in at 6 pounds was named JOHN WILLIAM. I understand JOHN Jr. held up very well while waiting. Of course, the young mother was the brave one... BILL SUNAGEL and his wife flew to the islands this year. Bill said he just relaxed on the beach and let the lovely girls fan him. Leave it to Bill to relax the proper way... Operator TOM HICKEY and two of his friends, AL PHANNENSTILL and BILL KLAPPERICH, spent three days fishing for walleyes at Gogebic Lake in Wisconsin. Tom said the fishing was so bad that he listened to all kinds of advice. The last resort was to dip the worms in olive oil, but that didn't work either. Anyone have any other suggestions? Tom would appreciate hearing from you. . . CHARLES (Ma Perkins) ANDREWS is in the hospital. What some people won't do to get a rest these days...Mrs. WENTZEL, I understand that your husband, WALLY, is supposed to be the apple of your eye. That's what he says. How do you feel about it? After 34 years of marriage there must be something in the old boy. Wentzel is one of our outstanding supervisors working out of Forest Glen...Operator GLEN McCANN was married on August 21 to RUTH JACKSON and honeymooned at Virginia Beach...Did anyone notice the necktie that Superintendent VIC JOHNSON was wearing recently? Pretty bright, old buddy...Mr. and Mrs. JOHN (Bob) MILLER celebrated 35 years of wedded bliss on October 21. John said, "I believe we will remain together for another 35 years, for she's not a bad old gal.". Mr. and Mrs. CHESTER BACHARA, box puller, celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary on May 20. Chester always likes to hear a good joke, so be sure to tell him one, fellows, as you pull in... Retired Supervisor GUS VAN DER MEIER was a recent visitor at our station and said that he just returned from a trip throughout the West enjoying pensioned life to the utmost. He became a great-grandfather for the first time, and now has 25 grandchildren with two more on the way...BILL WITKUS returned from his vacation with a case of poison ivy. Bill you better stay out of the woods, after all you are a city boy...Operator C. ZIJEWSKI had a few ribs broken when he fell off a ladder. Now, Connie, you can do better than that... Clerk VERN RAGE transferred to Limits as chief clerk. Good luck, Vern, we will all miss you at Forest Glen...Clerk STEVE PALLADINO transferred to North Park on the day shift. Getting seniority now, Steve?..Operator GEORGE STRESKE is losing his young son to the navy...One of our outstanding servicemen this summer was GREGORY ROM who left us to continue his schooling for the priesthood. We are looking forward to his return next year. I understand he is inviting yours truly to sit in the first row when he is at his first church...I received a card from Pensioner and Mrs. LEE MUSSARED (better known as Arizona) who is living it up in New Mexico...Supervisor MICKEY (Sweet Lips) LOFTUS sent us a card from Las Vegas and said he was planning to send his winnings back by Brinks. By the way, the fish he caught were so small he had to throw them back. Of course when you use a string and pin for a hook, what do you expect...Clerk LOU TIGNAC visited Miami in his travels this year. We all expect to see another bright shirt on the old boy. What colors Lou goes for...Operator GAR-

T. J. CONWAY
45 Years

C. L. LIND
43 Years

L. A. PARKER
42 Years

M. J. FIORITA
42 Years

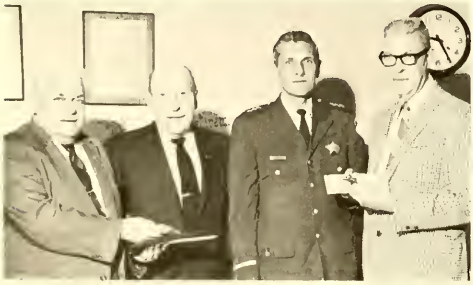
V. EISEMANN
44 Years

# NEW PENSIONERS

JOINING THE ranks of the retired on November 1 were the five employes pictured here who had 40 or more years of transit service each with CTA and its predecessor companies.

VERNON C. ALLIE, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 8-11-42
MILVERN A. ANDERSON, Bus Mechanic,
South Shops, Emp. 9-19-35
BERTHA B. ATKINSON, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 2-26-47
WILLIAM F. BAKER, Signal Foreman,
Electrical, Emp. 2-5-43
SOL BERLIN, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 3-5-45
JAMES A. CHAMBERS, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 4-21-42
THOMAS J. CONWAY, Bus Repairer,
Forest Glen, Emp. 7-19-26
ADRIAN E. CONTANT, Supervisor,
District B, Emp. 1-27-43
MARIO M. CRISTOFARO, Bus Repairer,
77th Street, Emp. 6-3-36
ALVIN DAVIS, Operator,
52nd Street, Emp. 1-30-45
MARY K. DOYLE, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 3-13-45

SPECIAL STARS were recently presented in a double ceremony to RAYMOND LOHSE and RICHARD GISINER upon their retirement from the CTA Police. Presentations were made by Superintendent of Security N. N. GRAVER, second from right, to Mr. Lohse who had 38 years of service and by Chief of Security R. H. MILLER, far left, to Mr. Gisiner who had 30 years of service.



ANN J. DUNLEAVY, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 7-30-46
VICTOR EISEMANN, Steamfitter Foreman,
Engineering, Emp. 7-2-27
MICHAEL J. FIORITA, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 9-20-29
DANIEL GALLAGHER, Bus Repairer,
Lawndale, Emp. 1-13-42
HOWARD J. HAUSKNECHT, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 10-30-33
THOMAS V. IRWIN, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 7-31-41
CLARENCE L. LIND, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 1-24-28
RAYMOND LOHSE, Security Supervisor II,
Security, Emp. 10-31-33
MARTIN S. McCARTHY, Platform Man,
West Section, Emp. 1-9-36
LOUIS MUHOWSKI, Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 2-2-44
CHARLES J. MULBRANDON, Substation Operator,
Electrical, Emp. 12-14-42
LEROY A. PARKER, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 11-13-28
ROLAND A. RENTZ, Chauffeur,
Utility, Emp. 2-2-45
ARLENE L. SWANSON, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 5-18-51
BERNARD THURKOW, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 4-3-34
WALLACE W. WROBLE, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 11-26-41

## DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

CHARLES R. ANDERSON, Janitor,
Kedzie, Emp. 8-1-44
HENRY FALLEK, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 7-23-46
PAUL M. LOCASSIO, Supervisor,
District D, Emp. 2-10-55
JOSEPH H. MARTIN, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 9-12-42
EDWARD A. NOWICKI, Bus Repairer,
Campaign Area, Emp. 9-5-47

RITY and his wife took a trip to Ireland. He said the beer there was really warm. How he ever got out of his fatherland is a mystery in itself. Anyway, he's glad to be standing on the corner of Harlem and Foster waiting for a cold one...Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of Operator W. DEMBOS who passed away suddenly...AL POLOWCZYK says the only way to see our country is to rent a camper bus. Al and his family toured the west and had a ball, and said they are going to try it again next year...By the way, GEORGE STRESKE is now a grandfather. The little one was named RICHARD. George is better known as the "Austin Flash."..Thanksgiving is here so do enjoy your family and home on this day. We have so much to be thankful for, and if one would only stop and think for a second, God put us all here for a reason. So let's all turn a cheek to our neighbor and say welcome...Yours truly would like to add a line in regard to our recent Transit News dinner. Mrs. HENRY and I shared a table with the finest. From the North Section was TINA HENKE and her husband, GEORGE; from Lawndale was JAMES MARSHALL and his wife, MARY; from Beverly was AMOS FOSTER and his wife, RUTH, and from Keeler was none other than ERNEST C. CARTER and his lovely wife, VIRGIL... The bad weather is almost upon us so, fellows, do keep your distance. Be very careful and let's all try to keep our station on top. No accidents...Your credit union is a fine place to save, and the boys are always ready to lend a helping hand...TRYGVE and CATHERINE BERG became grandparents for the 11th time when MATHEW LAWRENCE REEGER arrived on October 20 at Edgewater hospital. He is the second son and fifth child for LARRY and JANICE REEGER, the Berg's eldest son. The welcoming committee at home consisted of STACY, 10, CHRISTOPHER, 8, SUSAN, 6, and SHARON, 4. This is the first grandchild to be born in Chicago. Between the armed forces and industry, the Berg and Reeger sons and daughters are widely scattered and the records show that none of the grandchildren have been born at the same place.

*- W. A. Henry* (Don't call me Wilbur)

**GENERAL OFFICE (Employment) -**

DON RIESS, interviewer, together with his family motored to Florida staying in Miami and Orlando where they visited Disneyworld. He enjoyed good weather and did a lot of swimming...The welcome mat was extended to JOANNE FERLITO, clerk-typist...GEN BAGGER, test administrator, took an American Express tour throughout Europe visiting England, France, Belgium, Holland, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Spain, and Portugal. The outstanding part of her trip was a stop at the Tivoli Gardens just outside of Rome, which she said was a sight to behold... STAN TADEVICH, interviewer, and his wife, together with BOB QUETSCHKE and his wife, drove through Florida and Atlanta, Georgia, where a good time was had by all...RAY RUZICH, superintendent, together with his family stayed at the Vagabond in Rochelle, Illinois, where they spent a couple of days on vacation.

**(Insurance) -**

KATHLEEN MURRAY, steno II, spent a week's vacation in Nebraska visiting with her sister...SANDY BARRETT, stenographer, together with her husband stayed at the Stardust hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, for five days and enjoyed it immensely...JEANINE GERARD, together with her girlfriend, flew to Hawaii in June for two weeks, and also visited San Francisco and Los Angeles on a Cartan tour. She took a ride on an outrigger canoe and purchased a muu muu. Jeanine is the daughter of CHARLES GERARD, machinist, at South Shops.

**(Office Services) -**

JOHN SCHWARTZ, coordinator, together with a friend spent a week in Scottsdale, Arizona, and stopped over in Manhattan, Kansas to visit with friends...Sorry to hear that LAVERNE SCHULTZ, clerk, is back in the hospital.

**(Medical) -**

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Dr. B. PIERZYNSKI on the recent death of his brother-in-law, ALBERT RUTKOWSKI. . . HARRY SOREGHEN, medical technician, together with his wife, MARION, and Heidi spent a delightful one-week vacation in and around Chicago taking in a few eating spots. I wonder what Heidi was served?

**(Employe Relations) -**

WALTER MIKICICH, file clerk, spent a couple of weeks of his vacation in and around the city with his family.

**(Treasury) -**

C. H. GRUBE, treasurer, and his wife spent a part of their vacation visiting their son who is teaching in Mobile, Alabama...JEANNE LUDMANN is sporting a new Chevrolet, and took it for a vacation spin to Massachusetts. Hope your foot will be healed by the time you return...We were glad to see HAROLD DONIHI, coordinator, back to work after undergoing eye surgery.

**(Executive) -**

JANE MITCHELL enjoyed her Oriental tour of Japan, Formosa, Hong Kong, the Philippines, and Hawaii in September. She spent many happy hours in Hong Kong shopping, which is famous for its variety of shops, and 48 hour tailoring of men and women's clothes known the world over. A highlight of her trip was a visit with MARLENE DAY, former CTA employee, and her husband who have built a beautiful home in the lovely Hawaii Kai area near Honolulu.

**(Training & Accident Prevention) -**

JOE O'SULLIVAN and his wife, HELEN, made an extensive four-week tour of the west and southwest, covering a total of 6,683 miles going through Fremont, Nebraska, Colorado Springs, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Disneyland, San Diego, Capistrano, San Clemente, San Simeon, and along the West Coast to San Francisco, Crater Lake, Portland, Oregon, and into Washington and along the Columbian River to Boise, Idaho. They returned by way of Salt Lake City, Utah, to see the Mormon Choir, Laramie, Wyoming, and Lincoln, Nebraska...Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM CLINE on their first wedding anniversary. The department wishes Bill and Marie many more happy years together.

**(Research & Planning) -**

Everyone in R/P extends a big hello and get well wish to WALLY PASZYNA who was recently hospitalized. We're saving all the Polish jokes we have till you're back at the old drafting table again, Wally...The MACAKS are now a happy family of four with the addition of their daughter, PAMELA ANN. Congratulations, GEORGE and JUNE, from all of us in R/P...DAVE LEVITIN and his family moved into their new apartment on October 1. The Levi-

tins fell in love with their new home and are enjoying every minute decorating it. We wish them a lot of happiness... BILL GOODWIN and his family are the proud owners of a 23 inch color TV. Bill says his little daughters take turns as to who gets to turn the set on and off. We guess that means he gets to change the channels and his wife, DIANE, has to settle the arguments...DAVE PHILLIPS and his friend, DICK BRAZDA, of Public Information, joined the crowds to observe the new Turbo-Train on its first public appearance here in Chicago. They rode the train to Quincy, and being avid train fans, it was an experience you can be sure they were waiting for...On the vacation scene this month are CHARLEY DROZDA, RON LUCZAK, MARY ELLEN RUSS, BOB SCHAGEMAN, and HOWARD BENN. Charley and his wife, MARGE, were among the many CTAers who took part in Local 241's trip to Las Vegas. Charley said the plane trip was really great along with the meals, drinks, and entertainment. In Vegas, the Drozdas visited nightclubs, casinos, saw quite a few celebrities, even Dean Martin who was appearing at the Riviera. Charley asked us not to forget to mention the banquet night when everyone got together and enjoyed the wonderful music and guests provided by Local 241. When Charley got back all he could say was, "Boy, am I tired!" Ron and his family took a trip to the Pennsylvania area where they stayed with Ron's friends on their little farm. Ron calls them his hippie friends, but won't tell us why. The Luczaks had quite a swinging vacation and wouldn't have missed it for the world. Mary Ellen's vacation was made complete when her boyfriend, JIM, flew in from Virginia. Mary Ellen gave Jim an official tour of all the sights in Chicago and had all the places they would go to see planned out in advance. Later in the week they saw Northwestern and Purdue battle it out at Dyche stadium. It was an exciting vacation. Bob Schageman along with his wife, MARY, and daughter, LIL, enjoyed some beautiful scenery on their vacation. They drove through Canada and arrived in New Hampshire to stay at a quaint 88-year old inn. The Schagemans played some golf during their vacation spree, which is Bob's favorite sport. Bob did well as usual, Mary never keeps score, and Lil took the clubs out for the first time and surprised everyone with her skills. All this added up to a marvelous vacation for the Schageman family. The New York area was the destination for Howard Benn during his vacation. Howard's visit with his parents and friends was one to which he was really looking forward. He also visited a few transportation organizations as long as he was in the area. Some of these included Metropolitan Transit Authority and New York City Transit Authority. We all enjoyed looking at the material he brought back with him.

*- Regina Daren & Eileen Neuraeter*

**KEDZIE -**

Your reporter and his wife went to Las Vegas, Nevada, with Division 241 for the International convention. We stayed at the Sahara hotel where we did some gambling and lost, took in all the shows at the different hotels, and also took a tour to Hoover Dam. It was just great, and we took pictures to remember. Our delegates to the convention, President WARREN SCHOLL; DAN McFADDEN, secretary; JIM PATE, treasurer, and WILLIAM LARSEN, first vice-president, did a good job. There were delegates from all over the United States and Canada. Now I am looking forward to the next convention in 1973...The annual Transit News dinner was held in the M&M Club and was superb, due to the well-organized efforts of Editor BOB HEINLEIN and his staff. We had the honor of meeting Transit Board Chairman MICHAEL CAFFERTY and his lovely wife. Mr. Cafferty spoke to us about future plans and goals for CTA...Congratulations to Instructor J. BROGAN, North Avenue, who became a grandpa again on September 22 when a baby girl, DANA LESLIE WAGNER, was born at Edward's hospital in Naperville, Illinois. Dana is the fourth grandchild for the Brogans...Taking his pension on November 1 after 42 years of service was MICHAEL FIORITA, your scribe's brother-in-law. We all wish you the best of luck and health during your retirement years. Now you can catch up with all the things you have wanted to do...Operator SOL BERLIN also retired on November 1. He will be taking good care of his ailing wife. The best of luck to you and enjoy your pensioned life...Operator CLARENCE LIND took his pension on November 1. Lind is out of Limits Station, but was formerly of Kedzie and with the old Chicago Motor Coach. Mrs. Lind gave a retirement party for Clarence, and your reporter and his wife were invited along with other operators and friends. The music was good, the food and drinks were superb, and everyone had a good time. The best of everything to you, Clarence...At this writing Operator WILLIAM HOOPER is in Henrotin hospital. We hope you have a speedy recovery and will return to work soon...Our deepest sympathy to the family of Mr. and Mrs. W. RUDDLE, clerk, whose mother passed away and was laid to rest on October 26; to the family of DAN McFADDEN, secretary of Division 241, on the death of Mrs. McFadden's mother, Mrs. MARY RIZZO, who was laid to rest on October 26, and to the family of Operator SAM BLACK who was also laid to rest on October 26...The joke of the week--Operators ED BARRY and GEORGE SULLIVAN trying to fit into SOL BERLIN's jacket and checking shirt sizes...Don't forget your credit union--save a little each payday so we can help another who is in need.

*- Raymond Graham*

**KEELER -**

Thanksgiving greetings to all of you. Before you pessimistically complain, thanks for what, consider just being able to read this so-called column is reason enough to shout thanks from the rooftops. Why? You are able to see and read it, while some less fortunates can't even lift the copy. There are still countries where this trivia is not permitted, and lastly, you still have "old-miss-an-issue-scribe" me...My one column cub reporter, CLARENCE

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**RECEIVING ADVANCED** degrees from North Texas State university were **THOMAS** and **KATHLEEN BARRY.** Tom, a professor of Marketing at Southern Methodist university, received his Ph.D. in business administration, and Kathleen her master's degree in education. Kathy is the daughter of ANN and **ART PHILLIPS,** Claim Department.

McLLOYD, has retired from the service of our great company. Lot's of luck, Mac...Giving thanks for another birthday this month are the following operators: WHITEY SZYMELL, DeCHERRIE, our golf pro CHACHERE, HOWARD, FIELDS, nature's gift to the ladies, WARREN, HALL, W. FOX who will really be loved this month as he has a birthday and employment anniversary date going for him, BOWEN, FLEET, STRASSER, WITT, and PAWLICKI...Garageman KEN SANDRIK's beautiful daughter, DENISE, blew out four candles on November 25...Night Clerk M. BUCKLEY and his wife, RUTH, won't admit feeling any older, but their son, TERRY, and his wife, CINDY, presented mom and dad with their first grandchild on October 24. The beautiful little tax exemption will answer to the name of TRACY MAEBELLE...Mechanic JOHN KOHMAN and his wife, STEFANIE, celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary on October 22 (with a fifth?)...Now that his wife, SADIE, has recuperated from minor surgery, perhaps Operator BOB O'NEAL can quit bringing those greasy brown bags to work...Instructor CHARLEY WEYER sure knows how to arrange things nicely. While he is sun tanning in Florida for three weeks, the station instruction bit is left in the very capable hands of Instructor BOB ANDERSON...Chief Garage Clerk PATRICK MULCAHEY vacationed in Wyoming just at the opening of the deer season. Last year we wondered if Pat was hunting "dears", so this year he brought pictures of the two deer he bagged. Too bad the photos were in color and couldn't be used for this publication, but at least we saw the pictures this year...Another huntsman in the garage is Night Foreman ALLEN WEBB. It seems I always see Allen hunting for some work to do... Looking through my dusty archives, I noticed that it's another milestone in the lives of Operator LUCIOUS BANKS and his wife, ALBERTA, November 16...I'm reminded that it's the 15th birthday for CARLIOS NEIL, the son of Operator NATIOUS NEIL, November 24...Operator J. CARSON's son, DONALD, made five years November 8...SADIE, BOB O'NEAL forgot to remind me to ring the birthday bells for you November 20. I couldn't forget as it is also the date shared by my mother and sister-in-law. I think I better wish my son-in-law, CORBETT WRIGHT, birthday salutations as he is 6 feet 3 inches and weighs 240 pounds. His birthday was October 31, and with statistics like that, there will be no jokes...My daughter, MYRA, also birthdayed November 10...If I'm not mistaken, I think anniversary greetings are in order for JOHN and ROBERTA JARECKI...Our good janitor, SY GOLDMAN extends his thanks to all the fellows for their many kind considerations while his wife, NELL, was hospitalized. We all are still pulling for your full recovery, Nell...It's that bad old season again, fellows, ice, snow, etc., so let's work hard to have an accident-free winter...I know that Thanksgiving is more or less a kick-off for Christmas, however take this thought into December with you. The Christmas spirit that goes out with the dried-up Christmas tree is just as worthless. Bye now.

*- Ernest C. Carter*

**LAWNDALE -**

Well, fellows, since the end of a wonderful summer, we've all been experiencing some fine Indian Summer weather. But of course as we all know the almighty hawk is definitely on his way along with all the hazards of winter. So let me remind you that when that white stuff begins to moisten the pavement it's time to apply the speed of caution and keep a watchful eye. After all, the Yuletide Season is upon us again, and we all want to be around to enjoy this time of year with our loved ones...On November 1 Repairman DAN GALLAGHER took his pension and we all wish him a long and healthy retirement...Repairman JOE OLANDESE was recently all smiles. Asking him what was on his mind, he stated that his daughter, ANGELA, had just returned from an eight-week tour of Ecuador...Our deepest sympathy to the family of Operator D. DeBUONO on the passing of his wife October 8. Our condolences are also extended to the family of Shopman MEL MacDONALD whose wife passed away on October 10. Our deepest sympathy to the family of Janitor ARTHUR RIZZUTO who passed away on October 7, and to the family of Clerk BILL RUDDLE on the passing of his mother October 22...We're glad to see that Operator DONNIE BOWIE is back on the job after his recent surgery. We also hope the smiling 16th Street operator, JACK SMITH, is convalescing rapidly at home. We hope to see you again real soon...Former Operator BILL KLECKA just returned from Las Vegas speaking very highly of his trip...I found out that Operator and Mrs. HARRY COX took advantage of some leisure time this year and went on a CTA Asian tour to Hong Kong and Japan. Harry said they really had a ball, and the trip was a great experience...Operator STAN SZARAFINSKI didn't take a trip of any distance this year, but he did manage to travel to his local auto dealer and buy a new 1972 Pontiac Grandville. That's what a nine-hour run will do for you...Before going on a fishing trip, Superintendent JACK MORRIS took orders from a few of the clerks about what they wanted him to bring them back. But when Mr. Morris returned from the trip he didn't have one fish to show for his absence. He explained that he did catch at least one fish but knew that one fish wouldn't satisfy all the hungry faces at Lawndale so he merely followed the first law of nature. Mr. Morris later said that it would have been impossible for him to feed such a multitude of individuals with just one fish, however he did tell all concerned how delicious it was...Happy birthday to the following personnel for this month: L. THOMAS, E. JOHNSON, C. SPEIGHTS, T. McGEE, H. AUSTIN, R. TAYLOR, G. BRICHACEK, O. MOORE, G. GROOM, P. LEWIS, E. CELOVSKY, R. SURITA, P. SPENCER, C. MARSHALL, J. POLK, C. WISNIEWSKI, W. PARKER, H. GOODMAN, A. KUNICKIS, L. MACKAY, D. LOCHIRCO, D. CAMPBELL, G. SPANN, E. SHAW, P. JOSE, A. POMAR, E. LEVY, J. FEARS, and W. MILLER...Everyone have a wonderful Thanksgiving, and have fun with safety in mind. So long.

*- James Marshall*

**LIMITS -**

Operator CLARENCE LIND, after 43 years of service, went on pension November 1. He plans to do a lot of baby sitting with his grandchildren now that he has plenty of leisure time. Congratulations, Lind, and may you have many years of healthful and happy pensioned life...Operator EDWARD ROONEY proudly announced the marriage of his son, TOM, to a lovely young lady named GILDA. The wedding took place at St. Alphonsus church, with a reception following at Allegretti's. Congratulations and best wishes to the newlyweds...Supervisor JOE DAQUILANTE and his wife welcomed a cute baby girl into their home last month. This is their second child. Congratulations to the happy parents...ERMAN DAVIS spent his vacation with his brother down in Jacksonville, Florida...ART VOSS toured the west and visited many historic sights on his vacation...Super-

visor CHARLES KUSH returned from a very profitable fishing trip up in northern Wisconsin and Michigan...RONALD BROWN spent his vacation taking movies and enjoying the many places of interest in and around Chicago...Operator JESSE BROADNAX attended his family reunion in Rushville, Indiana. About 70 relatives were there enjoying the good food and merrymaking...Operator ELIJAH WESTBROOK and his family enjoyed an 8,000 mile trip during his vacation. After touring the Southland, visiting relatives, they went to Springfield, Illinois, and New York City visiting many places of historic interest...Operator JOHN FERGUS and his son and a few friends enjoyed a fishing trip in the upper peninsula of Michigan during his vacation. They caught more than their quota of fish and have plenty of pictures to prove it...Operator BOB PENDLETON became a grandfather for the third time when his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. RINKENBERGER, presented the family with a cute baby boy named JON ANDREW. Congratulations!..EUGENE SARTI has been in and out of the hospital several times due to illness but is now home recovering nicely. He would like to have visitors as time is very long for him. His home address is 1416 Hutchinson street...Senior Station Instructor J. BROGAN became a grandfather for the fourth time when his daughter, DIANE WAGNER, presented the family with a cute baby girl. Congratulations to the proud parents and also grandpa...We are always proud of our maintenance men at Limits. They do an excellent job of keeping our station in tip-top shape. J. HAKANSON is one who is outstanding in his work. Keep up the good work, fellows...Supervisor KOZAK is very happy with his new duties and wishes to thank the men for their cooperation. . . Our sincerest sympathy to the family of CHARLIE VAN OSSENBRUGGEN who passed away in Florida after suffering a coronary...Our sincerest sympathy to the family of Pensioner WILLIAM KEARNS who passed away last month.

*- R. S. Benson*

**LOOP -**

We are very happy to start our column this month with a very happy announcement, the wedding of two very special CTA people, Clerk EDWARD PFANNKUCHE and Agent VI MOEHRING. They were united in the holy bonds of matrimony on November 26 at Trinity Community church, 26th and Riverside drive, Berwyn, Illinois, in a ceremony that took place at 5 p.m. Our very best wishes for a happy future are extended to Vi and Ed. On Friday, October 29, a shower was given for the bride which was attended by friends and relatives. Some of our agents who attended were DOROTHY PARKER, JOE DILLON, MARY OHNESORGE, and MARY STANZCYK...On Sunday, October 31, Mary Stanzcyk spent the day with her favorite beau, her young grandson. They had a very enjoyable time at the Ice Show. . . Speaking of best beaus, Student Agent ELLEN SIMPSON is feeling a little sad these days. Her boy friend's leave from Uncle Sam's service ended all too soon. Ellen is hoping she may get time off and consent from her parents to visit with him in San Diego for the Christmas holidays. Good luck, Ellen...Agent DOROTHY ADLER put a lot of mileage on her car, but really enjoyed her trip to Binghampton, New York. Dorothy and Retired Agent LILL CONROY drove Dorothy's daughter and twin granddaughters home. They said the scenery was delightful and the beautiful fall colors were a pleasure to behold. They especially enjoyed going through the mountains and

THE HAPPY newlyweds are Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT QUETSCHKE who were united in holy matrimony on August 29 at Norwood Park United Methodist church. Robert is the son of ROBERT QUETSCHKE, assistant to the superintendent of operating stations, Transportation Department.

the Pennsylvania Turnpike...On November 1 the following people took their pensions: MARY DOYLE, ARLENE SWANSON, MARY NOLAN, MARIAN FILIP, and ANN DUNLEAVY. The best of luck for many happy years to come for all of you. Arlene Swanson bought a lovely home in Salem, Wisconsin, very close to her good friend, Retired Agent HELEN PALLISTER...Assignment Clerk BOB MALONEY took his vacation October 24 and went to Florida. We hope you had a very pleasant time, Bob, no one deserves it more...Agent LOUISE DREWS and her husband had a two-week vacation in the Ozarks and enjoyed every moment of it...You will be sorry to hear that MARY JO OHNESORGE broke her arm. We hope Mary will be on the mend by the time this is in print. Get well fast, all your friends miss you...Agent DAVE GRAFMAN and his wife just celebrated another wedding anniversary. Congratulations and may you both enjoy good health and happiness for many more years to come...We were sorry to hear that Agent HELEN GRYZLAK is in the hospital. Best wishes for a speedy and complete return to good health...Agent MORA HAASE and her husband spent a weekend visiting friends and relatives in their hometown, Sandoval, Illinois...JOHN FILIPEK, who has been on disability leave, says he is hoping to be back among us very shortly. We are all looking forward to seeing John again...We are all very proud of Agent DOROTHY FORD who made her debut on television. For further details about this, we feel Dorothy should have the pleasure of telling you all about it herself. We will give you a small hint--it concerned her excellence as a pleasant, conscientious, and efficient ticket agent. That's all we can say. Congratulations, Dorothy...Welcome to all our new agents in training. We hope you will enjoy your job and be with us for a long time. Some of these new agents are: GWENDOLYN MONROE, JACQUELIN BATTS, MIGUEL MANSON, JOE BROWN, ANNIE TAYLOR, L. GARTONS, and GRACE WINFREY...Busy, busy, busy. That's our gal MILDRED DOYLE, Transit News co-reporter, agent, housewife, mother, grandmother, and newly-elected secretary of her grandson's cub scout pack in Burbank, Illinois. All this and she still finds time to knit, crochet, and sew granny dresses. What a bundle of energy she is... Milwaukee, Lake & Douglas Reporter GRACE MOUNTS and her husband are driving to the Mayo Clinic where Grace plans to have a complete checkup. We hope all turns out well and that she will be relieved of some of the miseries that have been bothering her...Belated birthday greetings to Agent LOUISE DREWS...Co-reporter MARY WIXTED says her midnight relief agent, ADAM WAAS, is truly a sight for tired eyes each night. Adam has the brightest and most colorful shirts, ties, and matching socks. Bright red, shocking pink, and on him with his bright beaming smile

they do look good...Hope all of you had a happy Thanksgiving, and that you will have a Joyous Christmas and Happy New Year. Keep smiling!

*- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wirted*

**MILWAUKEE, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -**

Congratulations to EMMA RICHARDSON and her husband, Motorman LEE RICHARDSON, who are the proud parents of a baby girl, ROSHELLE ARDRETTA, born on August 24...Your co-reporter, GRACE MOUNTS, and her husband, CLEM, had a family reunion on October 16. Her three sisters from Michigan attended, along with her brother-in-law, niece, and her husband and celebrated five birthdays before one of her sisters and her husband left for Florida for the winter...VALERIE (Vi) MOEHRING and EDWARD PFANNKUCHE, Jefferson Park clerk, are planning to be married at Trinity Community church in Berwyn on November 26. Congratulations and best wishes to two of the finest people we know...Happiness is, according to KAREN MORIARTY, a new 1971 Chevy Vega. Here's hoping you get a lot of miles and happiness out of that little red car of yours, Karen...Speaking of new cars, GLADYS RUDIGER and her husband have a new Chevy Impala. Now that is my idea of happiness...HELEN CHRISTNER and your co-reporter, GRACE MOUNTS, were involved in automobile accidents recently. Fortunately neither was hurt, but you should see those cars...What will JOHN WOODS do without ARLENE SWANSON to keep him on his toes at Desplaines. Arlene took her pension November 1, as did MARY K. DOYLE and Loop Agent ANNE DUNLEAVY. We wish all of you a long and healthy retirement...The family of Collector VERNE NORSTROM is happy to welcome their son home from Viet Nam...Congratulations to Motorman RON SENO and his wife, CONSTANCE, on the birth of their third child, MARJORIE LEE, who was born on October 20 and weighed 6 pounds 2 ounces. Her grandfather is HOWARD JOSETTI, motorman out of Jefferson Park...Assignment Agent BOB MALONEY is currently vacationing in Florida. Here's hoping you are having a really wonderful time, Bob, and we are looking forward to hearing about it when you return...Assignment Agent LIL CULLINAN just returned from an enjoyable vacation in New Orleans. Lil drove there with her sisters, MARGARET GRAFF and NOREEN BARRY, who is the wife of South Section Clerk JOHN BARRY, and her niece, PEGGY MARCINIAK. They visited Antoine's restaurant in the French Quarter, and also Pat O'Brien's and Brennans where Lil said you could get drunk eating breakfast as they cook everything with wine. On their return home they drove through the Smoky Mountains where they especially enjoyed the southern cooking and hospitality. Everyplace they went, they were told, "You all come back again real soon now, honey."..Congratulations to the agents who were accepted for the assignment agent training program. They are: CYNTHIA FLORENCE, DOROTHY SUMNER, and BARB COLWELL. Good luck to all of you.

*- Grace Mounts & Katy Moriarty*

**NORTH AVENUE -**

Operator WILBERT ELLISON enjoyed a vacation in Canada. He and his Mrs. visited Toronto, Montreal, Quebec, London, Cornwall, Hamilton, Stratford, and Niagara Falls...Operator WILLIAM BUETOW vacationed at Eagle River, Wisconsin, and had plenty of cold and rainy weather but no fish...Bus Dispatcher WILLIAM KOSEK, South Shops, visited Colorado Springs and Yellowstone National Park. He forgot to take his fishing tackle and is hoping anyone with extra fish will contact him. He'd be glad to come over on his horse and pick them up. Maybe you'll even have some oats for the horse...Congratulations to Instructor JAMES BROGAN and his wife who became grandparents on September 22 when a baby girl was born to their daughter, DIANE WAGNER, and her husband at Edwards hospital in Naperville. The baby weighed in at 5 pounds 14 ounces and was 18 inches long. This is the fourth grandchild for the Brogans, but the Wagners' first...My son, Clerk WAYNE MIEDEMA, is speedily recovering from surgery at West Suburban hospital...Former Operator JAMES SHELDON, who is now with the Utility Department, sends along a big hello to all his friends at North...Since Supervisor EDWARD HOFF left North Avenue, he has become a celebrity. He had his picture taken with MICHAEL CAFFERTY, CTA Board Chairman, at Jefferson Park Terminal...We are all saddened by the death of some of our old friends. Supervisor of Garages BRUNO FERET, former day foreman at North Avenue, passed away on October 18. On the same day, Pensioner GEORGE JOHNSON departed this life. Operator WALTER DEMBOS, formerly of North Avenue, passed away on October 27. We extend our sympathy to their families, and to the families of Superintendent WILLIAM MOSER of Archer on the recent loss of his brother; to Clerk BOB WITTENBERG on the loss of his mother, and to Repairman JOHN RUDDLE who lost his mother, ELIZABETH, on October 22. Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you that where I am, there ye may be also."..We received a welcome letter from Pensioner LARS PEARSON and his spouse, ANNA, from Mountain Home, Arkansas. Lars is, as usual, enjoying the fishing. He's had some visitors from North Avenue: WALLY HALLFORD, Repair Department, and his wife stopped in to see them; ED FOREMAN from the Steam Fitters Department visited them twice, and GUS PAVELKA, day foreman at 52nd, and his wife spent some time with them. They enjoyed a visit from GEORGE ROHRHUBER, formerly of North Avenue, now on the high line as a ticket agent, and his wife. Lars had a fishing partner for a week when Pensioner PAUL DAVIS and his better half visited them. They fished White River and Lake Norfolk. Lars also painted the outside of his house. He sends his regards to all...My son, Clerk BILL MIEDEMA, Forest Glen, and his wife, JACKIE, spent two weeks at their favorite vacation spot, Hawaii. Bill is teaching the boys at Forest Glen how to do the hula...Employees who received a Courtesy Caravan Club membership card during August are: STERLING BOLTON, J. SALECKI, J. GUINTA, EARLIE BRYANT, K. MARTIN, R. LONG, O. HORTON, and CARL RUSSO...Operators MICHAEL J. FIORITA, HOWARD J. HAUSKNECHT, and LEROY PARKER joined the ranks of pensioners on November 1. We wish them the very best. Let us hear from you, boys...Before long the streets will be icy and the snow will be falling. We will have to use extra caution operating the buses. Remember--defensive driving. . . We wish all of you a blessed Thanksgiving and a joyous and beautiful Christmas Season. At this time, especially, we pray for our boys far from home fighting and dying. We pray for their safe return and ask God that it may be very soon...And now, take it away, WALTER.

A great big hello to everyone from the Inner Sanctum... We think that Janitors JABLECKI and HURLEY, North

Avenue, and LAUENBERGER, Keeler, should have waited for President Nixon to knock off that excise tax before they bought those new automobiles. Sorry about that, fellows... All of us enjoyed those calorie-laden goodies supplied by Janitor MARACEK on his birthday...Bet you thought we'd never get to the front office news, didn't you? Sorry to keep you waiting but here it is...One of the nicest ways we have heard of to celebrate a 15th wedding anniversary is the way Instructor MARVIN KOCAR did it. He treated his wife, PEGGY, and daughters, LINDA and MARY ANN, to the play, "Fiddler on the Roof", followed by a dinner that was topped by an anniversary cake that carried a flaming sparkler. As an encore to a wonderful evening, the next night was spent watching a 12-inning White Sox ball game. It's too bad they had to lose. This is as good a time as any to thank Peggy and the girls for the homemade goodies that have been coming our way on Sundays. What a great way to lose a figure we never had. Thanks, so very much...We welcome HANK ZYCH to our office as a replacement for BILL PINASCO who took over the chief clerk's job at Forest Glen when FRED MEYERS took his pension. Another new face is that of R. WEATHERSBY who is busy learning the various jobs. By the way, he was married on November 6. Our best wishes to both of you. Two days later, on November 8, Mrs. Blix and I celebrated our 21st anniversary...Since the new addition to the family of Clerk JACK HESTER weighed some 4,000 pounds, it should be quite obvious that it wasn't delivered by that long-legged bird, the stork. We're referring to that brand spankin' new Pontiac station wagon that was brought down to the station for our personal appraisal. As they showed it off, the buttons were just about bustin' off Jack's shirt and NOREEN's eyes more than sparkled. That's just how proud they were of their new toy. Noreen, how long does it really take YOU to wash that monster?..It was just one enormous "family reunion", in fact, it was a reunion of four different families, namely CSL, CRT, CMC, and CTA. By this we mean the long line of pensioners that came to North Avenue to have pictures taken for their riding passes. They came by bus, they drove, they were driven, they walked, and some even came by cab, but come they did. As they waited in line, they renewed old friendships with their former fellow workers. So many of them looked real sharp and had a real "young" snap to their walk it made it quite hard to believe that they had reached the age where they were receiving pension checks. The unofficial station greeter was Supervisor CONNIE O'SHEA. Since his post was right outside the station door, he was the first one to see all these folks. Had he been running for office of some kind, we're sure he wouldn't have shaken as many hands as he did in those three days. Sure made it awfully hard to check the streets, but Connie managed somehow...Relief Superintendent ART TABEL and his wife, LAVERNE, returned from their tour of the Grand Tetons and Yellowstone Park. His only comment was that he is ready to go and do it all over again. I have the feeling that someone owes me a six cent stamp... We hope by the time this gets into print that Supervisor STANLEY LECK is up and around again after his hospital stay...This might be as good a time as any to wish LINDA KOCAR a very happy birthday. Her dad just happens to be Instructor MARVIN KOCAR. Linda, did you ask if we'd have a piece of your birthday cake? Well, my dear girl, you know we never ever refuse calorie-laden goodies. Have a nice birthday...As you may well know, the Inner Sanctum portion of the North Avenue column is the newest addition to the Transit News. I'm not at all sure how many of you folks read this column (if any) but I'd sure like to find out. Now that's where you come in. No matter where you work, on the buses or the "L", in the shops or the General Office, whether you're a supervisor, a janitor, or a clerk; you could be a man, woman, boy or girl, if you read this part of the column will you take the time and trouble to send me a Christmas card? My wife, VIRGINIA, says you won't. I promise to answer each and every card I receive. Just address them to WALTER A. BLIX, 5220 N. Cicero avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60630...I don't know if you're aware of the fact that we have a TV personality among us in the person of Operator RAY D. ZIELINSKI. TV newsman John Drury featured the Illinois Railway Museum on his Channel 7 news program and Ray was piloting the old CSL streetcar. Ray, a bus operator out of North Avenue, is a veteran transit operator for some 28 years. He started as a conductor on the cars back in 1943, and soon became a one-man car operator. He spends his spare time as a volunteer at the Museum in Union, Illinois, and is a regular operator on the Museum's 2½ mile demonstration railway.

On weekdays Ray can be seen in full uniform taking Museum visitors on a nostalgic ride on one of Chicago's famed red Pullman streetcars. Old No. 144 is the Museum's most popular piece of electric railway equipment and familiar to most visitors who remember clanging down Chicago thoroughfares in them. Ray is right at home on the front platform of car 144, often chatting with an occasional former straphanger and recalling old times. After observing him, visitors often agree that Ray has not lost his "motorman's touch" as he manipulates the controller and air brake handle. The Museum has on display over 100 pieces of equipment which include street railway, rapid transit, interurban and steam road engines and cars, as well as a group of retired motor and trolley buses. The Museum is closed for the winter, but will be open again in spring...One last reminder: Be sure and do your Christmas shopping early. You've had your turkey and dressing, now it's time to listen for the sound of Jingle Bells. I want to be the first to wish you and yours the happiest holiday ever! See you all "purty" soon.

*- William Miedema & Walter Blix*

**NORTH PARK -**

Pensioner HAROLD COOK is offering a 25 per cent discount on his selection of Colonial of New Zealand and Elgin-Welby Elegant clocks to operators interested in buying Christmas presents for their loved ones...Operator ULISES RUIZ and his wife, MILAN, became parents of their second daughter when MICHELLE JANET was born on September 4 at Grant hospital weighing 7 pounds 10 ounces. ..Operator JOHN WINKLER and his wife, PATRICIA, became parents of their fourth child when a son, JOHN Jr., was born on September 7 at Edgewater hospital weighing 6 pounds 4 ounces...Operator ROBERT BENSON, Transit News scribe from Limits Depot, and his wife, EDNA, became grandparents for the sixth time when their son,

PEEKING FROM beneath the covers is little GREGORY JOHN MALCHIODI, the grandson of JOHN MILAS, carpenter, Skokie Shops. Gregory is the son of Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES MALCHIODI.

JOHN, and his wife, LIBBY, became parents of their fourth child, a daughter named MARY IRIS who was born on September 7 at McHenry Community hospital weighing 8 pounds 3 ounces...Operator SAM POSNER and his wife, ETHEL, flew to Los Angeles, California, where they stayed with Ethel's mother, Mrs. MINNIE MOLL. On the agenda were visits to San Diego, Long Beach, and three wonderful days at the Executive Sweets motel at Las Vegas, Nevada... Operator RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ and his wife, BERTHA, and their children, MARTIN, ROSA, and PATRICIA, drove to Guadalajara, Mexico, to visit Bertha's mother, Mrs. ROSA GONZALEZ. The highlight of the trip was a week at Lake Chapala for swimming and fishing excursions...Operator KAZ YAWORSKI and his wife, FLORENCE, and children, BRUCE, ANGIE, GLEN, DAVID, and MICHAEL, stopped at Minneapolis, Minnesota, to pick up Mrs. KAY SHUHYTA, Florence's mother. Continuing from there, the Yaworskis stopped at Mitchell, South Dakota, to see the famous Corn Palace, Rapid City, and a camping expedition at Custer State Park, with considerable time visiting Mt. Rushmore... Operator ALLEN LICHTER and his wife, JUDY, and children, EILEEN, CHERYL, and MARCIA, traveled around Lake Michigan on their vacation. Points of interest visited were Sault Ste. Marie, Mackinac Island, Windsor, Detroit, and a tour through the Ford plant in Dearborn, Michigan, with a day spent going around Greenfield Village... Operator LE ROY CARR and his wife, LOUISE, spent two weeks at Coral Gables, Florida, visiting their son, TOM, and his wife who are attending the University of Miami. The Carrs also spent four days on a boat trip to the Islands off the Florida Keys to do some deep-sea fishing... Operator DAVID BENSON and his wife, JACQUELINE, and daughters, CHERYL and LINDA, vacationed throughout the Rocky Mountains area. The Bensons also spent a few days with Jacqueline's parents who own a motel adjacent to Las Vegas...Operator JOHN KIPPES and his wife, VIRGINIA, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on an escorted tour of the Southwest and Mexico. They traveled 5,000 miles from New Orleans, Louisiana, to San Antonio, Texas, with 12 days in Mexico. Returning by way of Corpus Christi and Houston, Texas, John caught a ten-pound mackerel fishing off Corpus Christi in the Gulf of Mexico...The North Park Credit Union annual business meeting will be held Friday, January 7, at River Park fieldhouse, 5100 N. Francisco avenue, at 8 p.m. Dividends will be declared and refreshments will be served with drawings for door prizes. All members are urged to attend...Operator RICHARD HALLIGAN and his wife, JO, and their poodle, RICKY, drove throughout Florida on their vacation. Visits were made to Fort Meyers, Sarasota, St. Petersburg, Silver Springs, Port Everglades, and Miami... Operator SEYMOUR STEINBERG and his wife, DOROTHY, enjoyed an 18-day luxury tour of the Orient. They flew to Tokyo where they saw many interesting sights and enjoyed a sukiyaki dinner with Geisha Dancers and rode the 130 mph "Bullet" train to Kyoto. In Taipei, the capital of Formosa, they went to a Mongolian barbecue where they selected their food raw, then saw it prepared in minutes over a blazing fire. In Hong Kong they took the Chinese junk cruise to Sea Palace floating restaurant and the hydrofoil to the Portugese Island of Macao, home of one of the most beautiful gambling casinos of the world. In Manila, capital of the Philippines, they were fortunate to meet Mr. and Mrs. NAJERA, who took them under their wing and really showed them the city as no tourist sees it. They wound up visiting some of the illegal gambling casinos, where Dorothy got lucky at roulette. On the way home they stopped at San Diego for a few days to visit their son, JOEL, and his wife, LINDA...Clerk JOE DI GIOVANNI and his wife, CONNIE, along with Shopman ANGELO VENTICINQUE of Skokie Shops and his wife, JEAN, spent a week at Las Vegas, Nevada, where they enjoyed the shows and many fine meals offered. Not much luck at the casinos, but lots of excitement in other ways...Operator JERRY BUDZICZ and his wife, HELEN, traveled to Sheboygan, Wisconsin, for their traditional visit with Helen's relatives. While there Jerry challenged the relatives to a golf match and won some Wisconsin money...Operator MEL HORNING and his wife, VIOLET, spent a week visiting at Pensioner ART and RUTH MUIR's home at Forsyth, Missouri. The fishing was poor, but the meals and rest were great. Also on the agenda were visits with Pensioners ROY LEMKE and his wife, MARION, and Pensioner RAY DONESKI and his wife, EVELYN, and their grandson, RAY-RAY...Chief Clerk RAY SIMON and Instructor WALTER STEINBEISS celebrated their October birthdays on the 21st with a big dinner held at the North Park dining room, with the office personnel participating...The West Irving Blair Masonic Lodge No. 271 held their installation of officers on Saturday, October 23, at Jefferson Masonic Temple. Pensioner JOHN CLARK was installed as Tyler and John, who has served as worshipful master, is starting to climb the list of officers again...Operator RAY BLAU and his wife, MABEL, have purchased a new home located at 1706 Rogers avenue in McHenry, Illinois. Ray will be serving as host at the open house to be held in the near future...Operator PLEAS (PG) SMITH and his wife, MADELYN, wish to announce that they are distributors of Amway products. The phone number is 539-9358 and the Smiths will be happy to come out and serve you...Superintendent EDWARD BRODD and his wife, ANN, became grandparents for the second time when their daughter, NANCY, and her husband, RICHARD SMITH, became parents of their second child, a daughter named CARRIE ANN, who was born on October 2 at Northwest hospital weighing 7 pounds 2 ounces. Receiver JIM FIORITO and his wife, KAYE, became parents of their first child when a son named DANIEL CHRISTOPHER was born on October 7 at St. Mary's hospital weighing 8 pounds 11 ounces...Street Collector LOUIS TORKEN was hospitalized at Northwest hospital for observation and at this writing our prayers are with Louis for a clean bill of health...FRANCES NEWTON, the wife of Operator ED NEWTON, is hospitalized at this writing in St. Mary of Nazareth hospital and our prayers are with Frances for a fast recovery...Supervisor LARRY BENNETT retired on October 1 after 37 years of faithful service. Larry, who was a friend of everyone and an outstanding supervisor, will be sorely missed by his many friends. His plans for

# recent deaths

ALFRED G. AGUAYO, 45, North Avenue,
Emp. 11-25-67, Died 11-7-71
FRED BARKER, 61, Internal Auditing,
Emp. 1-14-43, Died 10-29-71
THOMPSON G. BARRY, 90, Devon,
Emp. 11-13-02, Died 9-7-71
HAROLD F. BECKER, 56, West Section,
Emp. 2-14-45, Died 8-2-71
SAMUEL BLACK, 46, Kedzie,
Emp. 10-31-50, Died 10-21-71
AUGUSTIN BOURKE, 83, 69th Street,
Emp. 12-23-19, Died 9-21-71
JAMES L. BRHEL, 71, Lawndale,
Emp. 8-28-23, Died 8-13-71
OTIS BUCHANAN, 59, West Section,
Emp. 2-20-51, Died 11-7-71
CLARENCE A. BUNDE, 70, South Section,
Emp. 10-11-29, Died 8-24-71
WILLIAM R. CARAWAY, 69, Kedzie,
Emp. 6-1-27, Died 9-26-71
LEONARDO COFFARO, 75, Track,
Emp. 3-20-29, Died 9-23-71
JAMES A. CONWELL, 72, West Section,
Emp. 4-10-31, Died 9-2-71
FLORENCE T. CURRAN, 84, North Section,
Emp. 9-2-43, Died 7-28-71
WALTER DEMBOS, 63, Forest Glen,
Emp. 12-9-40, Died 10-27-71
CATHERINE EGAN, 89, West Section,
Emp. 9-9-18, Died 9-9-71
MAURICE FELDNER, 76, Lawndale,
Emp. 5-7-43, Died 9-17-71
WILLIAM J. FENNELL, 84, South Section,
Emp. 3-13-07, Died 9-20-71
BRUNO FERET, 47, North Division Garages,
Emp. 6-5-51, Died 10-18-71
JOHN A. GAMBLE, 72, Howard Street,
Emp. 7-12-46, Died 7-28-71
LOUIS GIARRUSSO, 69, Building,
Emp. 8-14-42, Died 9-23-71
FRANK T. GILL, 66, Archer,
Emp. 3-3-27, Died 9-23-71
EUGENE GRAHAM, 47, West Section,
Emp. 9-26-60, Died 11-1-71
SIGURD HAGLUND, 86, Burnside,
Emp. 3-18-13, Died 9-9-71
CARL G. HOGLUND, 85, Lawndale,
Emp. 11-6-22, Died 9-28-71
JOHN HUSKI, 86, 69th Street,
Emp. 2-9-26, Died 8-19-71
JOSEPH KAPLAN, 82, North Park,
Emp. 6-15-15, Died 8-13-71
WILLIAM J. KEARNS, 66, District D,
Emp. 10-15-26, Died 9-1-71
ROY F. KEEBLER, 80, 77th Street,
Emp. 11-5-19, Died 9-7-71
LOUIS A. KEESHAN, 67, North Avenue,
Emp. 10-4-29, Died 8-20-71
FRANK T. KUBAN, 87, Lawndale,
Emp. 9-29-20, Died 9-19-71
MILDRED T. LEMIEUX, 62, Skokie Shops,
Emp. 10-14-47, Died 9-15-71
LEWIS F. LETZOW, 70, 52nd Street,
Emp. 9-1-23, Died 8-8-71

the future call for considerable traveling around the U.S.A. and we at North Park extend to the Bennetts our blessing to their future...Operator CONNIE SCHMIT and his wife, FRANCES, celebrated their 40th anniversary on October 17. The Schmits celebrated mass at St. Joseph's church of Round Lake, Illinois, and held an open house at their home. ..Happy anniversaries are extended to Street Collector TONY GLOPPE and his wife, JENNIE, their 36th; Signal Maintainer JAMES NESBIT and his wife, MARGE, their 33rd; Sanitary Engineer STANLEY GUSTAFSON and his wife, RUTH, their 32nd; Pensioner STANLEY ZALE and his wife, MARIE, their 43rd; Operator FRED BOLDT and his wife, AGNES, their 39th; Operator FRED STOWELL and his wife, WILMA, their 36th, and Operator BERT SCHWARTZ and his wife, LINDA, their 3rd...Happy birthdays are extended to: Operators BILL STEINSPRING and LEO HARA, Pensioners BILL SEIFERT and VERN WENNERBERG, CAROL, BILLY, and EILEEN STRITZEL, and Clerk BOB PETERSON...Our sympathy and condolences are extended to Operator LEO HARA on the loss of his brother, SAM HARA.

Repair Department Chit Chat: Repairman MIKE JOYCE retired on October 1 after 35 years of service. Mike was honored at a party in the garage and was presented with a new watch...Off sick at this time and sorely missed at the garage are Repairmen JOHN KAVANAGH, JULIUS CONNELY, ROBERT BOND, and JOE JOHNSON...Our sympathy and condolences are extended to Assistant Foreman JOE COUGHLIN on the loss of his mother, Mrs. KATHERINE COUGHLIN...The welcome mat is extended to the following new repairmen who came from Forest Glen garage: PAT TARDY, JIM CARTER, and JOE KASPEREK, and also FRANK JUGLAL who came from Limits garage...Enjoying vacations at this time are Assistant Foreman GUS HENNELLY, Repairmen ART CARLSON, LEO POWELL, LOUIS GRABOWSKI, JIM MARTIN, JIM KULCZYK, FRANK JUGLAL, PAUL SCHREVES, and MATT (Grumpy) HEAVEY. The following servicemen are on vacations: PAT DALEY, JIM McPARTLAN, JOE MAREK, and GEORGE WITT...Clerk ERNIE LOTITO and his wife, ELSIE, and daughter, DONNA, drove throughout the West on their vacation. Points of interest were Mitchels Corn Palace in South Dakota, the Bad Lands, Deadwood, Mt. Rushmore, Custer National Park, the rodeo in Buffalo, Wyoming, Yellowstone National Park, and Denver, Colorado...Assistant Foreman ANDY KARIOLICH and his wife vacationed in Brooklyn, New York, where their daughter, DENISE, and her husband, Dr. ANTHONY FRER, who is an oral surgeon at Central hospital in Brooklyn, live...Repairman PAUL SCHREVES vacationed in New York City. Points of interest visited were the RCA building, Radio City Music Hall where Paul played the mighty Wurlitzer organ, and a grand day at West Point where Paul entertained the cadets with his great Irish wit...Relief Foreman DENNIS CRONIN and his wife, LINDA, vacationed in Florida and were impressed with the many scenic sights the state offers...Instructor WALTER HALLFORD and his wife, BERNICE, were royally

# among employes

HARTOG LOOPER, 91, Devon,
Emp. 2-12-18, Died 9-12-71
MICHAEL MALONEY, 75, 77th Street,
Emp. 4-23-17, Died 9-20-71
GAETANO MARINO, 74, Track,
Emp. 11-28-30, Died 8-10-71
MATTHEW McCLELLAND, 69, Util. & Emerg. Service,
Emp. 7-6-28, Died 9-19-71
JAMES McCLEMENTS, 80, Shops & Equipment,
Emp. 4-20-26, Died 8-12-71
KATHERINE McKENNA, 79, West Section,
Emp. 10-22-28, Died 9-11-71
WALTER E. MILLER, 65, North Division,
Emp. 10-10-23, Died 9-21-71
WILLIAM J. MURPHY, 63, North Section,
Emp. 11-2-28, Died 8-6-71
LOUIS O. OLSEN, 87, Grand Substation,
Emp. 6-2-09, Died 9-24-71
ALEXANDER PATRICK, 75, Skokie Shops,
Emp. 6-20-45, Died 8-9-71
JOSEPH H. PERTL, 72, North Avenue,
Emp. 11-22-26, Died 8-20-71
FRED L. POLTROCK, 76, West Section,
Emp. 2-26-23, Died 8-8-71
EDWARD T. QUINLAN, 69, Beverly,
Emp. 10-22-28, Died 9-23-71
THOMAS RAMBUS, 79, Track,
Emp. 5-21-43, Died 7-20-71
CHARLES T. RATTRAY, 75, North,
Emp. 9-10-23, Died 8-1-71
ARTHUR RIZZUTO, 58, Lawndale,
Emp. 8-26-43, Died 9-7-71
JOHN RYBAKOWSKI, 62, South Section,
Emp. 10-24-45, Died 9-24-71
NICK SANZONE, 81, Track,
Emp. 5-4-23, Died 9-6-71
PAUL SCALISE, 81, West Section,
Emp. 2-18-11, Died 9-2-71
WILLIAM C. SCHMIDT, 92, Elston,
Emp. 1-8-12, Died 8-14-71
NICHOLAS C. SCHUBERTH, 77, 77th Street,
Emp. 12-20-11, Died 8-8-71
ANTHONY J. SCHVAGZDYS, 82, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 8-22-19, Died 9-30-71
CHARLES W. SCRIVEN, 79, Kedzie,
Emp. 10-25-26, Died 8-15-71
WALTER A. SIESSMANN, 76, South Shops,
Emp. 8-24-16, Died 9-17-71
MARTIN L. SODERBERG, 80, Skokie Shops,
Emp. 7-18-35, Died 8-19-71
PAUL J. TURCZYNSKI, 85, Lawndale,
Emp. 9-13-13, Died 8-18-71
CHARLES VANOSSENBRUGGEN, 69, Limits,
Emp. 5-12-24, Died 9-27-71
SAMUEL VICKERS, 81, South Shops,
Emp. 9-24-28, Died 9-22-71
MAURICE WALSH, 77, Wilson Avenue,
Emp. 8-25-36, Died 9-10-71
ROBERT A. WARREN, 88, Track,
Emp. 11-4-30, Died 9-13-71
EARL F. WILLIS, 74, North Park,
Emp. 3-23-23, Died 9-21-71
JOHN A. WRIGHT, 64, Forest Glen,
Emp. 5-21-34, Died 8-5-71

entertained at their 44th anniversary party, hosted by their son and daughter-in-law... Repairman CARL OTTEN was hospitalized at Weiss Memorial hospital recently when he was attacked at Lawrence and Sheridan...Enjoying fall vacations at this time are the following: DENNIS CRONIN, WALTER HALLFORD, ANDY KARIOLICH, JOE COUGHLIN, LEO POWELL, FRED BAKER, FRANK CIONE, ROBERT LORENZ, DARRELL PERSON, and JOHN FELARSKI.

*- Melvin Horning*

**NORTH SECTION -**

Word has just reached us of two recent marriages of CTA employees. On July 10 Motorman MOSES F. ASHLEY and Miss NORLENE DAVIS repeated their marriage vows. On June 27 Agent MICHAEL JOHN GILMORE and MELODY COBLEIGH were united in holy matrimony at St. Andrew's Catholic church. Michael is a student at the University of Illinois. Melody has a brother, MICHAEL COBLEIGH, who is a bus driver. Our sincere wishes for a long and happy married life to both couples... Our sincere sympathy to Howard Yard Foreman W. PRENDERGAST and his family on the death of his father. Our sympathy is also extended to Motorman R. LAWSON on the death of his wife...Switchman CARL LYDAY, Howard, is off work due to a broken ankle. We wish him a speedy recovery...Welcome back to Janitor FEATHERSON after a 21-month leave of absence for military service... FLORENCE McDONOUGH, stenographer in the Howard Street office, spent a week's vacation at her home in Sisters Lake, Wisconsin... Welcome back to Former Student Agent KEN CHASE. Ken has returned as a full-time agent...Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Janitor H. BADE and Operator MOONEY who are in the hospital at this writing...Ticket Agent THOMAS V. IRWIN, who retired November 1 with 30 years of service, wishes to thank all his co-workers and friends for the nice send-off. We wish you the best of luck and happiness in your retirement!

*- Tina Henke*

**OPERATIONS (Transportation) -**

JULIE WILLEM and three of her friends left Chicago together for two weeks of traveling and fun. They went to Lake Tahoe and also stopped at the Ponderosa. While in Las Vegas, Julie didn't do too badly as she only lost $5. They continued on to Los Angeles where they did a lot of sightseeing, visited many friends, and went to Disneyland. It was then on to San Francisco where they went on a tour of the nightclubs and to Fisherman's Wharf. In fact, at one restaurant they bumped into JACK WEXELBERG and his wife. A good time was had by all...ROBERT and FERROL TALBOT flew to Spain, France, and England for their vacation. They visited Madrid, Paris, and London. They found that it was a big risk to ride in taxi cabs in all these cities because of the way they are driven, and switched to

the subway trains which were safer, cheaper, and more comfortable. Places of interest visited include the Parliamentary buildings, Westminster Abbey, the Thames, the Tower of London, as well as the Eiffel Tower. Each city, with a different flavor, was very lovely and the people were most gracious everywhere. The trip was everything they desired and more; one they will always remember...RAY DAGENAIS and his wife drove to Arizona for their vacation. Then it was on to Las Vegas where Ray hit the jackpot on the last coin he put into a slot machine, back to Arizona, and home again to conclude a nice vacation...JACK TCHELEBIAN and his wife, SIMONE, drove to Clearwater, Florida, and visited some friends. They continued down the West Coast going as far as Marco Island. From there it was on to Disneyworld. The last stop before returning home was at Cape Kennedy where they went on a tour. It was a very enjoyable and interesting trip...CARL GIBES and his wife, HILDA, and their daughter, SHIRLEY, drove to Fort Knox, Kentucky, to check out the gold supply. The main reason for this trip was to visit their son, Captain RONALD GIBES, who is there on temporary duty. It was a fast three days, but most enjoyable...Congratulations are extended to GEORGE and MADGE RILEY who celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary on October 12...The final golf match of the year in which the station superintendents competed with the Instruction Department was played at Villa Olivia country club on Saturday, October 9. The victorious team was that of CARL GIBES and FRANK WSOL. Carl played his finest golf of the year shooting eight pars, while Frank displayed his long ball and putting accuracy with two birdies and six straight pars. RAY PRYOR and TOM STIGLIC, their opponents, congratulated them on their fine victory and suggest they keep their clubs warm over the winter months...Your scribe is kind of proud and feels like bragging a little, so I thought I'd let you know that I bowled a 561 series, my highest ever...I would like to thank the CTA for having and inviting me to the Transit News scribes dinner which was held in the M&M Club and also for the very nice gift which we received...One of the big days in the life of District B's EDWARD NOVAK, the Polish perfectionist, was Friday, October 15, when he shot a hole in one at the Coghill country club. The place was the 10th hole which is 170 yards long and he hit the jackpot with a four wood. This is for real because it was witnessed by Supervisors ED MACHEN and JIM HARRISON. You can be sure that Ed bought the drinks on the 19th hole. Congratulations!

**(Traffic Planning) -**

Congratulations to HAROLD and LOIS ROWBOTTOM who celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on September 7. An anniversary mass was said on September 6 and an open house attended by many friends and relatives.

**(Utility and Emergency Service) -**

Among those on vacation were: J. MATULA, R. BRADY, L. DREWNAKOWSKI, R. PELUSO, O. ERTL, E, KELLY, H. BECKER, W. BALDYGA, S. HERMAN, A. DiBENNEDETTO, J. HAAS, L. GALLE, J. CICHARSKI, and W. SWAIN... CHARLES GAGE and his family went to Florida and visited Florida A&M university where his son will attend school... JACK KLIMA began his vacation in Wisconsin, but the chilly weather drove him south to Indiana...J. WOJCIK went north to Wisconsin and Minnesota and he too found the weather cool...NORBERT GEWELKE spent his vacation in Milwaukee and northern Illinois...M. DALY and S. KAMINSKI had "honey do" vacations. Daly painted outside the house, and Kaminski inside, but 35 miles apart...JIM JACOBS met ED SLAMPIN in Las Vegas where the temperature ranged from 85 to 115 degrees. It's been rumored that Jacobs took the money to Las Vegas that Slampin left with. Ed says his wife was the lucky one. It's not often you hear that someone left there a winner... F. WILSON went to Los Angeles as a delegate to the Amvets National Convention at the Beverly Hilton hotel. AUSTIN CRAYCRAFT spent his vacation in Pennsylvania... DAN FITZGIBBON went to Alabama where he visited his brother. He said the weather was hot and humid...BILL BALDYGA went to Canada, and on his way home stopped in Detroit to see how the 1972 cars were being put together...We extend a warm welcome to JOSEPH RICCARDO and JOHN WOODS who transferred from Archer and 69th Street, respectively. ..JIM ROCHE is happy to say that his son, JOHN, who was injured in an accident, is recovering nicely. He thanks all those who were concerned. There was a mass exodus at the Roche home recently. Jim's son, JAMES, left for Illinois State university at Normal, Illinois; Pfc. MICHAEL left for Viet Nam where he joined the 101st Airborne Division, and JOHN went to Southern Illinois university at Carbondale, Illinois. We would like to extend our congratulations to Jim and his wife, GENEVIEVE, who became grandparents for the second time when LISA R. RENEE was born in September to MARY ALICE and JOSEPH COOLEY... Pensioners MATT STIGLIC, WALTER JOHNSON, J. MULREE, PETE CARPINO, and E. FEHLHABER recently visited Blue Island. All are doing fine and enjoying their retirement.

*- Colette Szczepanek*

**PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -**

BARNEY GAGNON, clerk II, and his wife, ALINE, spent their vacation visiting his sister and his wife's mother. Barney said he really enjoyed the rest. We would also like to congratulate Barney and Aline on the birth of their 14th grandchild. The baby's name is JENNIFER...Purchasing's invoice clerk, ZITA GYURICZA, has transferred to General Accounting. Sorry to see you go, Zita. To fill Zita's shoes is Stores addressograph operator, TERESA DE LEONARDIS. Good luck to both Zita and Teresa...A warm welcome is extended to TONY DI GIOVANNI, Storeroom 42, who is replacing FRED LOITZ as order control clerk. No sooner was Tony in the department, when he and his family left for a very enjoyable two-week vacation to California to visit Tony's daughter... As most of you know, FRED LOITZ, order control clerk, has been on the sick list for a number of weeks. We are happy to report that Fred is home from the hospital and on the road to recovery!.. HANK FULLRIEDE, assistant to superintendent of Specifications, went to Charleston, West Virginia, where he attended a wedding and spent most of his time "rapping" with his relatives. The smog was so unbelievable in Charleston that Hank is very happy to be back in Chicago...GEORGE LINDEN, assistant divisional storekeeper, took a two-week vacation to Springfield, Missouri; Tucson, Arizona, and Scottsdale, Arizona. While in Scottsdale, George visited his cousin whom he hadn't seen in about 20 years. While en route west, George visited the Painted Desert, the Grand Canyon, El Paso, Texas, and Las Vegas, Nevada. George became a grandfather for the first time when ALAN GARY was born on September 16 to ALAN and LYNN LINDEN. Congratulations!.. JOHN MARASOVICH, Storeroom 60, and his wife spent a week at Pell Lake, Wisconsin...

We received a lovely post card from DAVE STETCHER, retired stock clerk at Storeroom 42, saying that he and his son were staying at the Sandpiper Beach House in Provinceton, Massachusetts. It looks like Dave is really enjoying retirement...A warm welcome is extended to MARIANNE JOBARIS, clerk, Stores, and YOLENNE CLAUDE, typist I, who have joined the department. Good luck to you both! We would also like to welcome KATHY BRADY, who is unassigned in the Specifications Department. . . JIM TOOLIS, Purchasing, has returned from his vacation in Las Vegas. He seems to have had a good time, but he states that the plane ride home was much lighter than it was going there. Jim also spent a weekend at the University of Illinois football game where he and his son celebrated his son's birthday...BOB McCARTHY, Purchasing, tells us that his daughter, THERESA, a freshman at York High school, made the school's tennis team which is quite an accomplishment for a freshman. In a school of 3,000 only 16 are chosen for the team. Congratulations, Theresa! . . Look who is driving around in a new car! ED TOBIN bought his wife a new Vega, but he says that the only reason for the investment was to save her the walk to and from the veterinarian with their Rhodesian Ridgerunner. . . GRANVILLE CHEATHAM, laborer, South, spent his vacation in Baldwin, Michigan. He went fishing with no luck, but watched a man catch a 32 pound coho salmon...MIKE KORZEN, divisional storekeeper, Skokie, spent his vacation in Arizona. He visited Phoenix, Scottsdale, and Sun City. Mike said he found time for some golf and shuffle board. He also visited Pensioners EARL ESSINGTON and JOE WACK. Both Earl and Joe asked Mike to say hello to all their friends at CTA...CLIFFORD PETTIS, fork lift operator, went to Arkansas on his vacation. Hope you had a wonderful time, Cliff. . . In our last edition we welcomed GEORGE HAENISCH to the Specifications Department. In this edition we have to say goodbye to George. George left us to work in Technical Services, South. So as we promised, we wish to say, "SO LO-O-O-NG, HAENISCH!". . In closing we would like to wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving.

*- Cecilia Trucco & John Gill*

**RAPID TRANSIT MAINTENANCE TERMINALS -**

Pensioner GEORGE SPEARS paid a surprise visit to all the boys at Congress. George, who is 77 years old, told the old gang his secret of longevity--a weekly night out for dancing at the Blue Moon...Another pensioner in the news is RALPH DANIELSON. Ralph won another award. This time he was presented with a ten-inch silver bowl which represented the gold award from the Scandinavian Collectors Club...Welcome to JIM MOLLOY from all the boys at Congress. Jim's dad is JOHN MOLLOY, foreman at 61st Street...Best of luck to J. ZOCCOLI, A. PECHOLCAS, and F. PORCARO who are completing their shop training course...Best wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to the mother of R. CATANESE, Congress. . . Sorry to hear that G. GRILLAERT, Congress, has been on the sick list for three weeks...Good luck to LEONARD RICCIARDI, the son of LOUIS RICCIARDI, Congress, who enlisted in the air force and is in training in Texas. . . Glad to hear that GEORGE MICHAUD, 61st Street, is recuperating at home. Best wishes are sent his way for a complete and speedy recovery...Wishes for a speedy recovery are also sent to JOHN COOK, ROBERT CURRAN, and HENRY PEARSON, 61st Street...A hearty welcome to ROBERT BASDEN from the boys at 61st Street...A late Indian summer vacation was enjoyed by W. LEWIS, C. DUNLAP, T. PATE, W. SPARKS, and M. BRINSON, 61st Street...A combination vacation and family reunion was enjoyed by ED SHIELDS, Dan Ryan, and his wife on their recent trip to Largo, Florida. The Shields visited with their brother-in-law, a former conductor from the South Section, and also with the WALTER HOVALDS, a former repairman who now lives in Paradise Shores, St. Petersburg. Ed is still telling the story about the big fish that got away...Welcome to M. MOORE, new car serviceman at Dan Ryan...Your scribe just returned from a three-week vacation to California visiting family and friends, and also seeing the action on the tables at Las Vegas.

PADDY CANNON, Storeroom 48, is shown astride one of Ireland's finest steeds while on vacation in the Emerald Isle for five weeks. Holding the fiery bronc so Paddy won't fall off is his nephew, MARTIN MURRAY.

*- Ray Brzeczek*

**SKOKIE SHOPS -**

RICHARD FABRY, material clerk, is the replacement for JOHN RUSS who moved ahead to shopman II. Nice having you with us, Richard...RALPH KEMPE, tool maker, and his wife are enjoying a nice vacation in London, England. . . FRANK SWAIN, shopman, is confined to Belmont hospital. Hurry back, Frank...MORTON LIBERT, tractor operator, is in Holy Family hospital with a heart condition. Here's hoping for a speedy recovery, Morton...CATHERINE ANN HEGARTY, clerk, and her husband, HUGH HEGARTY, financial secretary of Division 308, attended a five-day convention of the Amalgamated Transit Union in Las Vegas. They then traveled on to California for another week of vacation. . . DONALD PRENDERGAST, shopman, is home resting and healing after his hernia operation. Hurry back, Bub...RUDDY CHUCAN, shopman, is up north on a hunting trip and, perhaps, some fishing. Hope you have some luck, Ruddy...Our deepest sympathy to WALLY ONYSIO, shopman, on the loss of his brother...CARL (Herb) LINDQUIST, electrical foreman, and his wife are enjoying a vacation at Virginia Beach, Virginia, with their son and family.

*- Everett E. England*

**SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -**

MARY ANN COX moved into her new home in Streamwood. We wish her luck and many happy, healthy years in it...Mr. and Mrs. W. PANTLE, outside checker, celebrated 35 years of wedded bliss on October 10. Congratulations and many more happy years together...DOROTHY ETSCHEID spent one week of her vacation in Delevan, Wisconsin,

SP/4 MICHAEL E. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Beverly Station, was recently awarded the army air medal for meritorious service in Vietnam. Mike, a former bus cleaner from Beverly, is an assistant machine gunner in the 101st airborne division.

and the other at home catching up on some chores...BILL WORCESTER is justly proud of the attainments of his son, ROBERT, who is in his final year at Wheaton North High school. Bob was recently notified of successful completion of the Illinois State Scholarship tests which will qualify him for an award which would allow him to attend Bradley university next fall...RUTH HAVLIK and her sister, MARIE, Electrical Department, and their mother drove to St. Louis, Southern Illinois, and Kentucky for an autumn vacation...We welcome W. SCOTT, outside checker, to the department... JOE SABOL and his sister flew to Montreal, Canada, to attend a wedding, and then to Ottawa and Toronto...Pensioner W. P. DEVEREUX sent cards from Las Vegas, Hawaii, and California. He is now an expert gambler...Mr. and Mrs. KREUTZER drove to French Lick, Indiana, to visit with friends...KEN MAREK and his wife flew to various places in the Orient and then to Hawaii. Ken is now sporting a few good-looking Hong Kong suits...The department extends sympathy to GEORGE JOHANNES on the death of his mother, and to KAY BATINA on the death of her brother.

*- Kathryn Batina*

**SOUTH SHOPS -**

JOE SOWIZRAL, Blacksmith Shop foreman, is very happy about his new car and he has reason to be, for he is the owner of a brand new 1971 Oldsmobile 98...Wedding bells were ringing on August 28 when AL SAMASKA, Area 348, joined hands in holy matrimony with LINDA KIERAS. The newlyweds honeymooned for five days in Boston, New Hampshire, and Maine...Mr. and Mrs. L. STEWART, Area 345, gave birth to a 6 pound 1/2 ounce baby girl named CASSANDRA PATRICE on September 12. Congratulations to the very proud parents...IRVIN KRAULEDIS, machinist, Area 348, and his wife enjoyed two marvelous weeks up at Long Lake, Wisconsin. Irvin's wife, PAULINE, is recuperating from an operation, but she was able to sneak in a little fishing on her own. Irvin had a real lucky run this year. Besides hooking a few walleyes, he hooked a $5\frac{1}{4}$ pound large mouth bass and a few smaller ones. Irv hooked three muskies under 30 inches. Sorry about that, Irv. They were joined by their son, PAUL, and his wife, TERRI, and daughter, REBECCA, for a weekend. Paul had good luck also. All of them had a wonderful time...BOB BYRNE, machinist, Area 348, was off work for seven weeks with very sore legs. Glad to see you back on the job, Bob. The boys really missed your Irish face. Bad news travels in two's, they say. Bob's wife, MAE, had a very serious operation. She was confined to the hospital for four weeks. As of this writing she is at home recuperating. Bob reports she is coming along fine. Due to the illness in the family, a trip to Ireland had to be cancelled. But Bob and Mae will make it some time in the near future. Good luck, Bob...Congratulations to WALLY FEULNER, clerk, who became a father for the third time when a baby boy, TODD JEREMY, was born on August 4 weighing 7 pounds 15 ounces. This makes three boys for Wally...Best of luck to MELVIN ANDERSON, Bay 6, on his retirement November 1. Mr. Anderson plans to spend his retirement in sunny Florida...PAT WALSH, formerly of the Brake Department, and his wife vacationed in Laramie, Wyoming, where they attended the graduation of his son, WILLIAM MICHAEL WALSH, from the University of Wyoming. Best of luck to Pat on his retirement...VERNON HOWE, Paint Shop foreman, and his wife, EVELYN, visited Disney World in Orlando, Florida, while on vacation. While parking their car they discovered TOM McPARTLAND of M.C.O.P. and his nephew, KEVIN SHEEHAN, in the car next to them. The four spent the day together touring Disney World and had a great time. Vern and his wife then went on to Miami, and while there they met LOU SPOLEC who asked to be remembered to all the boys and to tell them that his son who lives in California won $24,000 in the sweepstakes...The men of Area 312 would like to welcome JOE BAGDZIUS back to work after being off sick. FRANK SPROVIERI and JOHN ROSELAND have also been off...PAUL SPOLEC, electrician, Area 317, is back with us after a long illness. Welcome back, Paul...Well, girls, there is one less single man in the shop. PAT BARRY took DIANA HOGAN for his bride on Saturday, October 23. Hurry, hurry, girls, get them while they last. Pat, the married men of the shop would like to congratulate you and welcome you to the club. ..JOHN THEIS is the proud father of a 19-year old pilot. John's son, JOHN Jr., received his pilot's license on October 16...BILL BRACH, carpenter, South Shops, is leaving on a transfer to Skokie Shops. Bill, your foreman, STANLEY SARNA, and all of the fellows in Area 318 hope you will be happy with your new assignment. It has been our pleasure...The men in Area 316 would like to wish JAMES OOSTMAN, foreman, a speedy recovery...Congratulations to GEORGE DREY, leader, Area 318, who became a grandfather for the first time when his son, MICHAEL, and his wife, GINGER, became the proud parents of a baby boy named CHRISTOPHER on October 20...Area 313 Paint Shop would like to wish DELORE HATCHER a speedy recovery. ..Congratulations to CLARENCE PIPOWSKI, Area 321, and his wife who are now the proud parents of a newly adopted son named RAYMOND...STEVE SLUZINSKI, foreman, Area 336, went fishing at Minocqua, Wisconsin, on his vacation... Congratulations to FRANK GRAY on his recent promotion to journeyman...Congratulations are in order for RICHARD SCHNEIDER, superintendent, Technical Services, and his wife, BARBARA, on the birth of an 8 pound baby girl named STEPHANIE ANN. This makes two girls for the Schneiders.

*- Elaine Stewart & Bob Brown*

**52ND STREET -**

All we have this month are a few fish stories, for when I went to the news item box it was empty...Operator JESSE BYRD and Clerk HERBERT McKNIGHT went fishing at Lake Jollyann near Ashby, Minnesota, in August. Mac said they caught a few. MIKE, the paymaster, told me about a

fishing trip he had and said the only thing he caught was a cold...Superintendent VIC COLEMAN, Archer, Operator CLARENCE MOORE, 77th Street, and our own BILL HOLLAND had a successful fishing jaunt in Lake Michigan where they caught 150 pounds of salmon. Their original plan was to spend a week at Manistee, Michigan, but after the catch they had, there wasn't any more storage space and they had to cut their trip short...Your reporter had a grand time at a surprise birthday party given for him by his lovely wife, GLORETTA, and it was even better for he was on vacation. His aunt, Mrs. MARY TAYLOR, came from Portland, Oregon, to help him celebrate...With the holiday season ahead, you might find yourself short of cash. If you do, visit our friendly credit union. If you find yourself with more than you need, save it with your credit union.

*- John L. Hudson*

**69TH STREET -**

The greatest news to date was on September 29 when my daughter, JUDY, gave birth to a 6 pound 11 ounce baby girl, CHRISTINE VERONICA, who was 19 inches long. Just call me grandpa. My son-in-law and I just love her...On my way to a vacation in the Ozarks, I stopped in Olney, Illinois, to see WALTER SHIPYOR's white squirrels, only I didn't see any. Was someone pulling my leg?..JACK WILSON topped off his vacation by following an army engineer's map of all the back roads in the Ozarks. Do you know he hasn't been seen or heard from since?..JOHN HALKO and his father vacationed in Czechoslovakia. His dad especially enjoyed the trip as he hadn't been there for 50 years...Now that the golfing season is over, it is safe to say that O. B. SMITH is about the greatest, and J. WHITE will agree to that. If he wasn't so old, he might have become a professional...Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE JAROS, whose hobby is traveling, visited Spain, Portugal, and drove over 800 miles in Africa...GEORGE HOLLAND and his wife, BETTY, celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary on November 11. Old Armistice day to say the least. They vacationed at Niagara Falls and Greenfield Village in Dearborn, Michigan, with their daughter, BARBARA. On October 16, Barbara was married to FRANK MACRI at St. Adrian's church. The happy couple honeymooned in the Bahamas...J. L. TROTTER vacationed down in Mississippi this summer and it rained almost every day he was there, and even when he returned home...RED GREEN took a plane ride to New York City where he bought ten lottery tickets. He was back home within five hours...WALTER MONROE lost his top (vinyl auto, that is) in Texas, and lost his pocketbook in Las Vegas...Operator ALEXANDER, who follows me every Friday on Racine, claims he has the secret of how to catch fish in Minnesota...GENE HOWE, not to be confused with his brother, W. HOWE, has to be rated as one of the greatest. He is the only person, to my knowledge, that was placed on disability pension and was able to return to driving a bus again...ED STEFFAN's daughter, SUSAN, became Mrs. O'NEIL on September 5. MICKEY YOUNG and his clan attended the wedding, as did Assistant Superintendent of Operating Stations C. W. GIBES and his wife, ROY HORNING and his lovely wife, and my wife and I. We all gave them a big send-off to California on a honeymoon. ..The love bug really came our way and bit Operator HANK RISCH who was wed to Mrs. IRENE HOWERBIER. Word has it, but has to be confirmed, that J. J. DUBINSKI was also bitten by the love bug...Operator TOM COOK got a rare birthday present--a dog bit him. On top of that, the nurse gave him a shot with a broken needle...FRED STAWINSKI wired his son's garage. Now when you turn the switch on, water comes out...ALBERT JOZA celebrated his birthday on October 31. He and Hank Risch went trick or treating as usual. Joza's son, ALLEN, was recently married to Miss LYNN LUKAS. ED BEHREN wouldn't go to the wedding because he couldn't get the checking concession and was too old to wash dishes...H. A. KOHLSTEDT followed W. DONAHUE to Hawaii and said that the poi is something else...JOE KOVATZ is replacing TOM REILLY as chairman of the supervisory committee for the credit union. Thanks to Tom for a job well done. The credit union is now offering a temporary disability insurance plan so that your monthly payments will be paid when you are disabled. See TONY or BILL in the credit union...Instructors ROY WILSON, L. B. ROSS, and MORRIE O'DONNELL wish to thank the operators who participated in the "Welcome Aboard" survey...Sanitary Engineer ZIG WODARCZYK vacationed in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Berkeley, California, where his son resides and attends U.C.L.A...MITCH DOUGHERTY recently celebrated his ninth wedding anniversary...JIM CHAMBERS has now joined D. J. DOWNES on pension. Jim said he was thinking of trading his wife in for someone older so he could get more benefits. Good luck and many years of health and happiness to you both...Our happy clerk, ROONEY, wasn't very happy when someone fixed his watch but forgot to put the stem in...FRALE was seen cruising around in his station wagon looking for a Clark gas station. It seems he found a coupon good for one gallon of gas free...The Marquette road operators really like having Instructor L. B. ROSS on board. They say he acts as a road leveler...Our smiling 59th Street Operator G. FERGUSON should qualify as an expert plumber after receiving all the advice from his friends. I still think he should hire a real plumber just in case...Our sincere condolences to JAMES MOTT on the passing of his brother, BOBBY...We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Superintendent G. D. PEYTON to 69th Street and to wish Retired Superintendent J. LOGAY a lengthy and enjoyable life of retirement...JIMMY AHERN of the repair department reports that Pensioner MIKE DOLJIN has gone to Australia to visit his brother whom he has not seen for many years...FRANK WRIZEL likes the leisure life that retirement brings, as does TOM TWOMEY out in Glenwood Springs, Colorado...HARRY MINOGUE and his wife vacationed in Alaska...MIKE BURKE, formerly of North Avenue, is enjoying his pension and doing well. We also hope that PETE VANDA, HANK MILLER, and JIM McNULTY are enjoying themselves...Lots of luck and happiness to Mr. and Mrs. MARTY GRIFFIN in their new home at McHenry, Illinois...DICK DICKERSON said that if the sun hadn't reflected off of HARVEY BROCK's bald head, they both may have caught some fish while they were on vacation. Dick said that Harvey only knows two kinds of fish--and they both are carp...WALLY GROCH and BRUCE BURIAN are also on vacation. May you all have fun and a good rest...Congratulations to JOHN MUSIAL who transferred to North Avenue as p.m. foreman, and to SPENCER BENNETT who came to 69th Street in his place...Our apologies to WILLIAM SCOTT, day foreman at Archer, for the error in our last column; we wish to extend to him and his family our sincere sympathy on the passing of his mother... Don't forget, fellows, that you now have two reporters to give your news to. God bless all of you.

*- Art Buesing & Jimmy Ahern*

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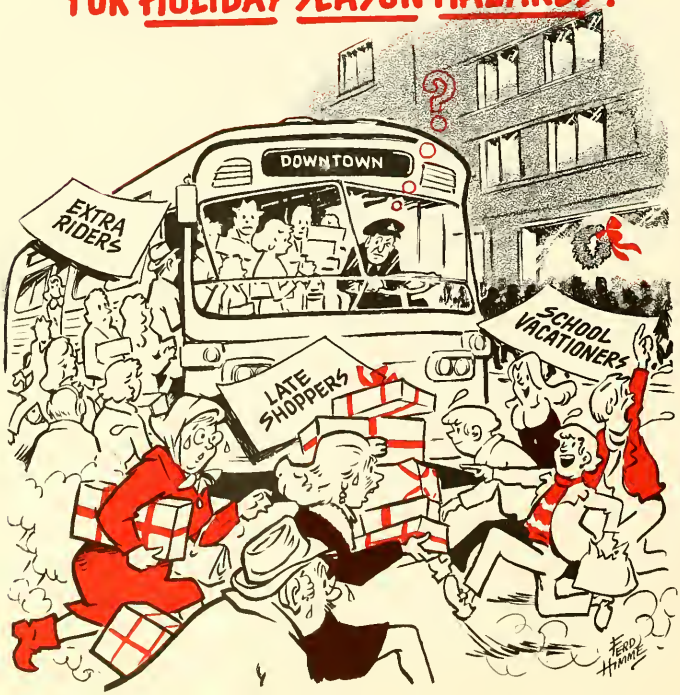


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TO ALL EMPLOYEES:

When I came to CTA this past summer, I perceived as my first responsibility the need to restore our physical plant, to effect a program for complete renewal of transit equipment and improvement of operating facilities. Since that time, federal funding has been approved, and preliminary actions have already been taken to implement a program which calls for investing $121 million in capital renewal and replacement during the next two years.

Now that I am certain we have arrested the deterioration process, I would like to move forward to fulfill further responsibilities as Board Chairman.

As time permitted, I visited many work locations throughout the system during 1971, and had an opportunity to meet many of you, though not nearly enough to suit me.

I intend to continue to meet and talk with as many of you as possible. I want to know you better, and I want to learn of the job you are doing for CTA. I also want to hear from you about how your job can be improved, how we can better serve the riding public, and anything else that's on your mind.

Most important of all, I am looking for a means by which I can continue to communicate with you. How best can I do this? How can we be in contact with one another? Please drop me a note and tell me your ideas.

Sincerely,

Michael Cafferty
Chairman

**BEING INTERVIEWED** by reporters at the January 25 press conference, Transit Board Chairman Michael Cafferty is commenting on the $53 million federal grant which permits CTA to implement the first phase of its two-year capital renewal program.


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# CTA seeks bids for 500 buses; unveils new design, public preferences

AT A press conference on January 25, Transit Board Chairman Michael Cafferty:

- Announced bids were being sought for the first 500 of the 1,000 new buses the CTA will receive;
- Unveiled drawings of the new buses, whose interiors in particular will be dramatically different, and
- Disclosed the public preferences which will be incorporated into the new buses that are expected to begin appearing on Chicago streets this summer.

Project Suggestion Bus, which polled 30,000 persons, constituted the largest public hearing ever held in the mass transit industry. It was conducted as part of the $121 million capital improvement program being made possible with financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Transportation, the State of Illinois, and local contributions.

As preferred by the public, the new buses will have a dusky walnut wood grain wall covering throughout with a white, gold-fleck ceiling. Floors will be black.

There will be contoured, padded seats as opposed to fiberglas. The seats will be beige with alternating cushions of tangerine or golden brown. Thus, the current CTA green will begin to disappear gradually. Stanchion bars, presently on every other bus seat, will be replaced by enlarged handles on each seat.

The exterior of the buses will be given a new appearance as well, using a combination of two shades of green and pearl white to complement the fluted anodized aluminum sides. The front of the bus will be white for easier recognition at night. Lime green bands will frame the windows and sweep along the front roof line. Pine green bands will add contrast for an overall co-ordinated look.

Bids for the purchase of the first 500 buses of the total 1,000, the largest bus order ever placed in the transit industry, will be taken immediately in order to expedite delivery of the units. Bids have been called for with and without air conditioning, and a decision will be made when prices are received as to whether or not air conditioning will be incorporated.

CTA Chairman Michael Cafferty said: "The new equipment which we will receive this summer will be the best evidence that things are changing at CTA. We have made a conscientious effort to listen to the citizens of Chicago. Their increased support is now required if we are to maintain these gains."

IN GENERAL, the proposed bus features were preferred by the vast majority of persons interviewed or completing the self-administered questionnaire:

- The new wood grain wall covering was preferred by about eight persons out of ten.
- The new contoured padded seat was also preferred by about eight persons out of ten who expressed a preference.
- The preferred contoured padded seat was rated either very or somewhat comfortable by over nine out of ten respondents. On the other hand, less than half of the respondents gave the fiberglas seat a positive rating, while four out of ten said that it was either somewhat or very uncomfortable.
- The new, enlarged seat handle was preferred to the stanchion bar by a margin of about five to four.
- Only the idea of having color co-ordinated ceilings instead of a neutral color was disapproved. Six out of ten persons preferred the neutral ceilings.
- In selecting the seat color, either of the new colors—tangerine or golden brown—was preferred to the present green. Neither of the two new colors, however, received a majority vote, each getting about one-third. Of those respondents personally interviewed, over six out of ten like the idea of having different color seats in different buses.

Several other interesting findings, in addition to understanding the bus riders' preferences, emerged from the study:

- People, on the whole, very much want and like the idea of making changes in the interiors of CTA buses. This is true regardless of age, sex, income, race or the frequency with which CTA is used.
- The younger the person, however, the more likely he is to want changes made. The older the person, the less likely he is to want these changes, although even among persons age 56 and over the vast majority prefer the new bus features.
- Asked the question whether they would like to see different color seats in different buses, the older a person was the less likely he was to be enthusiastic about that idea.
- Even in choosing between the two seats, fewer older people than younger people preferred the new, contoured padded seat.

Along with the bus design, an attitude survey was conducted which attempts to profile CTA users as well as how the riders perceive the CTA. The results of this portion of the public opinion survey will be disclosed in the near future.

# Transit Board launches 2-year renewal program

AT ITS January 6 meeting, Chicago Transit Board began to implement its two-year $121 million capital renewal program by authorizing the taking of bids for procuring $288,000 of materials and engaging the services of three consulting firms.

The first year of the program covers capital needs of $80 million with funds provided by the U.S. Department of Transportation, the State of Illinois, and the CTA. The $53 million grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation which was approved December 30 represents the two-thirds federal share.

The $288,000 expenditure authorized by the Board is for materials for track and structure renewal, a rail-borne ballast regulator, a rail-borne crane, scaffolding for a temporary platform during track construction at the Cermak rapid transit station, and the remodeling of the former North Shore Line building at the Howard station for a new transportation office.

The Board also approved the retaining of the nationally recognized industrial design firm of Sundberg-Ferar to design the interior and exterior of 100 rapid transit cars. Sundberg-Ferar has won national awards for the design of cars for the Bay Area Rapid Transit District (San Francisco) and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Washington, D.C.).

Teng and Associates, of Chicago, consulting engineers, have been retained to initiate plans and specifications for construction of two new substations, 62nd-Cottage Grove and Newport-Seminary, to be built at a cost of $1,705,000 as part of the capital needs program.

Transit Board Chairman Michael Cafferty announced that CTA was retaining the services of acoustical consultants, Wilson, Ihrig, and Associates, Inc., of Berkeley, California, to study rapid transit noise and vibrations.

"The CTA has a positive responsibility to reduce noise wherever possible and to have a continuing strategy for maintaining the lowest possible noise levels," said Chairman Cafferty.

"We are fortunate to be able to avail ourselves of a consulting firm which is active in a similar capacity to the Bay Area Rapid Transit. As we move into a major renewing of the CTA, we must take advantage of the opportunity to incorporate the latest thinking and studies in anti-noise techniques," added Cafferty.

The proposal from the accoustical consultants includes:

Study of existing noise and vibration levels in trains operating in subway and on elevated structure and noise levels on station platforms;

An initial evaluation of methods and materials for reducing noise in subways and on elevated structures;

Determination of the areas where further study would have the potential for yielding beneficial results.

It is anticipated that the reports from this consultant's work will provide information which can be utilized in the design of the new Civic Center station (the Randolph-Washington stations of the State and Dearborn subways) which is included in the first year of CTA's $121 million capital needs program.

"Recommendations resulting from this study may not be a complete answer to the problems, but at least will point the way to solutions that can be taken at an early date and to other solutions that may require major expenditures," said Cafferty.

The increasing awareness of noise as being a harmful ingredient in today's urban life will be reflected in the purchase of all new equipment for the CTA system. CTA will be formulating specific plans to reduce the noise produced by rapid transit cars in subways and on "L" structures, and buses on city streets.

Already underway as part of the capital needs program, is the design and construction of a six-car rail grinding train which will remove roughness from rapid transit tracks which is known to contribute to the objectionable roar of train operation. This train, preparation of which is expected to cost $200,000, is planned to be ready for service by fall, 1972.

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## 50-year employee:

## J. H. Finch joins retirement ranks

WITH MORE than 50 years of transit service, John H. Finch retired December 1 as assistant comptroller in the Finance Department.

Mr. Finch joined the South Side Elevated railroad as a student guard on October 27, 1921. Leaving train service to become a train clerk in 1924, he subsequently served in the Accounting Department of the CRT as a junior clerk starting in 1927, auditor in 1937, and general auditor in 1947. With the consolidation of departments by CTA, Mr. Finch became general accountant in 1948 and assistant comprtoller in 1951, the position which he held until the time of his retirement.

Mr. Finch was honored by several hundred friends and co-workers at a dinner in the Furniture club and is shown here (at right) with his wife, Dorothy, and Manager of Finance P. J. Meinardi.

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## A. J. Dinnella retires with 37 years' service

RETIRING JANUARY 1 as superintendent of special investigations was Andrew J. Dinnella, whose career in police and investigative work with CTA and the former CSL lasted for more than 37 years.

Starting as a special investigator with the Surface Lines Police Department on May 10, 1934, Mr. Dinnella became assistant superintendent of that department in 1943. Following the consolidation of transit properties, he became chief special investigator in the CTA Police Department in 1948. He subsequently became assistant superintendent and superintendent of that department, and in 1966 he was named superintendent of special investigations.

In the picture at right, Mr. Dinnella is being congratulated upon his retirement by General Manager T. B. O'Connor.

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## *9 complete combination clerk training*

GRADUATING FROM the Shops & Equipment Department combination clerk training program recently were nine CTAers who attended special classes on their own time. All nine trainees are now assigned to a pool, from which they will be drawn to fill combination clerk positions as vacancies occur in the Garage Division.

The nine graduates, pictured here with E. W. Larsen, superintendent of material control and office procedures, are (from left, front row): Mark Osborn, Joseph Pecoraro, Daniel Fritz, Fred Krawczyk and James Griffin; (back row): David Kowalski, James Hester, Mr. Larsen, Darryl Kucera and Fred Newman.

# SMOKING

## FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW

### by Dr. George H. Irwin

WHILE RESEARCHING the subject of smoking at the American Medical Association, I was amazed at some of the statistics. Americans smoke about 570 billion cigarettes annually, which is equivalent of 4,000 cigarettes per smoker or more than half a pack per day.

In general, the smoking habit usually begins in the early teens. By the age of 18 more than a third of the boys and a fifth of the girls are smoking on a fairly regular basis. Strange as it may seem, in recent years there has been a slight decrease in smoking among boys and a slight increase in smoking among girls. Somewhat encouraging is the fact that there are now an estimated 21 million ex-smokers in the United States. Though figures fluctuate it is calculated that about 60 per cent of the men and 30 per cent of the women smoke.

During the past three or four decades numerous scientific studies have been conducted to determine whether smoking is a health hazard. Results from clinical studies and autopsies on humans and animals show that cigarette smoking does produce a definite hazard to health.

Smoke is a product of combustion, a mixture of gases, various vaporized chemicals, and millions of minute particles of ash and other solids. The smoke includes vaporized nicotine, carbon monoxide and other products. A smoker gets more of these toxic substances if he smokes a cigarette to the end.

Smoking exerts its bad influence or effects mainly on two systems of the body, namely the respiratory system and the circulatory system.

The effects on the respiratory tract consistently show that the lining membranes of the air passages are thickened and abnormal. The hair-like cilia become damaged and are no longer able to remove the toxic and irritating chemicals. These irritations cause swelling and increased secretions which are responsible for the "smoker's cough." Interestingly, this area in the bronchial tubes where the lining membrane is most severely inflamed is the point where most lung cancer begins. Emphysema and bronchitis are also related to smoking.

The effects of smoking on the heart and blood vessels are definitely harmful. Nicotine, whether injected or taken in tobacco smoke, stimulates that part of the nervous system which controls the circulatory system. For years, smoking has been known to be related to Buerger's disease, in which there is a constriction of the small arteries in the hands and feet. This can lead to gangrene, necessitating amputation. Smoking also impairs the circulation of the coronary arteries of the heart. Statistics show that smokers die more often from coronary heart disease than do non-smokers.

Among other effects of smoking are those of an apparent tobacco allergy in certain sensitive persons and aggravation of stomach ulcers. Smoking may also be associated with accidental deaths from fires.

Effects of different types of smoking indicate that all tobacco smoking is harmful to our health. Cigarette smoking seems to have a much greater effect than cigar or pipe smoking. Possible explanations for this are that cigar and pipe smokers often do not inhale and also that the temperature at which the tobacco burns is different. Filters may reduce, but not eliminate the hazards.

#### Psychological and social aspects of smoking

It is well known that smoking is related to our psychological and social life. Young people often start smoking in imitation of older people. Youngsters whose parents smoke often tend to smoke. Young people want to be accepted by their friends and associates. Often friends dress alike, talk alike and have other behaviors in common—smoking may be part of this attempt to conform.

Most important, I believe that the tranquilizing effect in controlling anxiety, restlessness and emotions is the reason why most people smoke. The habit becomes a conditioned relfex which goes on and on in many instances without realization on the part of the individual. It is an addiction like a drug habit.

#### What can be done about smoking?

Cigarette manufacturers are trying to reduce the hazards of smoking by modifying the composition of tobacco (decreasing the nicotine and tar). Educational programs are exerting some beneficial effects. Anti-smoking clinics are helping many people - medication to stop the desire is also available.

Conclusions are: while to smoke or not to smoke is a matter of individual choice, most authorities now agree that never to smoke is preferable. The longer one smokes the greater are the health hazards. Personally, I think proper motivation of the mind is a most important factor. If a person's emotions, such as fear of cancer of the lung or heart trouble, are stronger than the emotions of pleasure from smoking, he will stop. If the emotions of pleasure are the stronger, he will not stop. Total abstinence is the only positive approach. Cutting down or stopping and starting again never accomplishes anything.

The purpose of this article is to bring all the known facts about smoking to your attention. After careful consideration of all the information, make a decision and stick to it for your health's sake.

# 1971 report: Suggestion Plan approves awards of $4,170

THE PRESENTATION of awards totalling $4,170, resulting from the adoption of 127 suggestions in 1971, was announced by the Employee Suggestion Plan in its annual report for the year.

In addition to awards for newly-adopted ideas, supplemental awards totalling $1,300 were presented to seven suggesters whose ideas adopted in 1970 continued to produce savings to CTA. In all, $5,470 was won by suggesters during 1971.

According to the Suggestion Plan report, 957 employees submitted a total of 1,338 suggestions during the year, bringing to 28,467 the number of suggestions received since establishment of the present system-wide suggestion plan on October 1, 1952. During the same period, 2,482 suggestions have been accepted and awards of $52,703 have been presented to employees.

Estimated value of the first year savings realized through the adoption of suggestions during 1971 is $29,190. Total first year savings realized on all suggestions adopted since the plan went into effect amount to $371,730.

In its announcement of award winners during the last two months of 1971, the Suggestion System named one cash award winner, five winners of $25 Honorable Mention awards, 13 winners of $10 gift certificates and five supplemental award winners.

With supplemental awards of $155 and $750 on two of his suggestions which were adopted in 1970, William P. Rafferty of South Shops received a total of $905. Other CTAers who continued to receive cash benefits from previously adopted ideas were Joseph A. Miller ($175) and Joseph E. Sarnecki ($10), both of South Shops, and Joseph Sabol ($75) of Schedule-Traffic.

For her suggestion which was adopted, Martha Neffas of Accounting was awarded $25. Also accepting checks for $25, because they submitted their second adoptable suggestion within a year, were Regina Daren of Medical, James Schumpp of North Section, John Ward of Forest Glen Garage, Gary Wilson of Skokie Shops and Arlene Zittman of Employee Relations.

For their adopted ideas the following were named as winners of $10 Jewel/Osco gift certificates: Shops & Equipment—Pablo Caride and Gary Wilson of Skokie Shops, Sam Marsico of Kedzie Garage, George Nicholson of Dan Ryan Terminal, and John Vidas of South Shops. Transportation—William Harris of 77th Street, Willard Hoff of Jefferson Park, John McNiff of North Avenue, and William Wideman of Forest Glen. General Office—George Boness of Security, Regina Daren of Medical, and Mary Jane Hostetter of Payroll Accounting. Also named was Pensioner William Ruehl.

Acting upon all suggestions received from CTA employees is the four-man coordinating committee consisting of R. T. Warnstedt, suggestion coordinator; J. R. Blaa, superintendent of rapid transit operations, Transportation Department; F. W. Venezia, Equipment Research and Development, and J. F. Urbaszewski, Engineering Department.

Determining the merit of each suggestion and the amounts of awards is the Executive Decision Committee of the Employee Suggestion Plan. The committee consists of Chairman C. E. Keiser, operating manager; Executive Secretary F. C. Knautz, superintendent of public and employee relations; G. J. Clark, superintendent of shops and equipment; D. M. Flynn, superintendent of transportation; P. J. Meinardi, manager of finance, and E. E. Olmstead, superintendent of engineering.

**THREE CHECKS** totalling $1,080 were recently presented to two South Shops employes as supplemental awards on their suggestions adopted a year ago. William P. Rafferty (center) is accepting two checks--for $155 and $750--from General Manager T. B. O'Connor as F. C. Knautz (right), executive secretary of the Suggestion Plan Executive Decision Committee, looks on. Joseph A. Miller is holding the check for $175 which he received from C. E. Keiser (left), chairman of the Executive Decision Committee, as Russ Warnstedt, suggestion coordinator, watches the presentation.

# Service anniversaries in January

## 45 years

C. H. Grube, Treasury

## 35 years

H. W. Davis, North Section
J. P. Flynn, Congress-Douglas
H. P. Gabauer, Rapid Transit Line Division
L. O. Geisheimer, Limits
J. Nanninga, Beverly
R. C. Schageman, Research/Planning

## 30 years

M. I. Blake, West Section
R. L. Blyth, West Section
J. W. Brucker, North Section
J. C. Cacciato, Industrial Engineering
R. Catanese, Congress Maintenance Terminal
W. Cook, North Section
E. Dillon, West Section
L. Edel, North Section
F. Gronemeyer, South Section
H. O. Johnson, South Shops
H. L. Julitz, North Park
R. Kostecki, Archer
M. A. Kristman, Linden Maintenance Terminal
J. Lapidus, District D
G. J. Mathieu, Schedule-Traffic
A. Modelski, South Section
J. A. Moone, Archer Garage
M. M. Neffas, General Accounting
E. R. Petersen, Schedule-Traffic
F. H. Poznanski, Archer
J. Quinn, Rapid Transit District - South
E. Tasher, 52nd Street
A. R. Trocker, Rapid Transit Signal Division

## 25 years

H. A. Andler, North Park
W. T. Barbour, Building Wiring Division
L. R. Brezek, District A
P. Christino, Forest Glen
A. Citro, Forest Park Maintenance Terminal
E. J. Coman, Investigation & Claims
A. L. Dickson, West Section
E. E. Epley, Kedzie Garage
B. E. Fitzpatrick, Stores - South
H. J. Friedl, Investigation & Claims
F. R. Griffin, Electrical
O. J. Grigalunas, Beverly
W. Hargraves, Keeler Garage
J. C. Hoover, 77th Street
J. W. James, 77th Street
A. E. Johnson, Rapid Transit District - North
R. Johnson, 77th Street
J. F. Kaplan, North Avenue Garage
H. N. King, North Park
C. L. Kolodziej, Building Maintenance Division
V. M. Kruse, Electrical
R. J. Kusek, North Avenue
M. L. Kuzniar, Track & Structures
J. J. Leonard, West Section
W. T. Majewski, 61st Street Maintenance Terminal
E. J. Majkszak, Skokie Shops
F. G. Maslan, 69th Street
G. W. Morsi, North Avenue
E. Nelson, South Shops
L. P. Olandese, Keeler Garage
J. Overall, Track
R. E. Price, 52nd Street
C. J. Reyes, Tire Inspection Center
F. C. Riddle, North Section
A. D. Rohde, North Avenue
F. P. Rowinski, Kedzie
J. T. Rusin, North Section
T. M. Satkus, Beverly Garage
S. L. Shimkus, South Shops
G. W. Simmons, North Section
E. Sprovieri, Util. & Emerg. Service
T. A. Tomasek, Beverly Garage
J. S. Wait, North Park
S. M. Wojnicki, Beverly

# THE INSIDE NEWS

## AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**ACCOUNTING (General) -**

LOIS JAHNKE returned from her trip to India. While there she visited Hindu and Buddhist caves of centuries ago, which were cut by hand out of solid rock. Some still contain original frescoes. She found the holy city of Benares on the Ganges river especially interesting in early morning when the Ghats (landing steps) are crowded with people bathing and worshiping in the holy water. An elephant ride to the Amber Palace of India was a highlight, as well as a flight along the Himalaya mountains with a beautiful view of Mt. Everest. In Greece she visited Athens, Corinth and Delphi...GENEVIEVE WRIGHT's fractured arm is healing fast and we hope that she will be back on the job soon. Get-well wishes are also sent to VIRGINIA HARRER. ..It was good to see SIEGFRIED SHONTS back to work after undergoing surgery...A belated welcome is extended to GEORGETTE GARMISA. We also welcome RITA RACINE. ..ANN ANGST traveled to St. Petersburg, Florida, to be with a sister and brother-in-law for the Thanksgiving holiday...We wish a speedy recovery to ZITA GYURICZA. She had a home accident in which she fractured a foot...MARIE FOLZ had a marvelous time with the FRED LYONS in Palm Springs, California... RITA DEAKIN finished her Christmas shopping in September with gifts she brought home from Japan. The CTA tour this year was magnificent and she thanks JANE MITCHELL for the wonderful job she did in organizing the trip. Rita made a new friend, EVELYN HOLTANE, who was her roommate. Rita said Japan was beautiful and she rode on the fastest train in the world. The bamboo curtain is not what she expected it to be, with its beautiful countryside with rivers and mountains in the background. Rita will never forget the flight from Manila to Hawaii, ten hours air time on a very small and crowded plane. She stayed in Hawaii for four days before returning home...BARNEY and EILEEN KANE celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary vacationing for two glorious weeks in beautiful Hawaii. Starting in Hilo, then on to Kona, Maui, Honolulu, and Kauai. Some of the high points of interest included the black sand beach, volcanoes, a cruise to Pearl Harbor, the Kodak Hula show, the Polynesian Cultural Center, torch lighting ceremony, Ala Moana shopping center, the Don Ho show, and many, many more beautiful scenic places. They took time out from their sightseeing to swim in the ocean or a fresh water pool, and just relax on a beautiful sandy beach...JOE LAZZARA spent his vacation catching up on things around home...The welcome mat is extended to JOHN GANDER who came to work in this department, from the Transportation Department...This is the end of the line for your scribe, as she has boarded the retirement train. This is not a goodbye, but "arivederci" (until we meet again).

*- Jeanne Fitzgerald*

**(Payroll) -**

Our sympathy is extended to VI MEYER whose mother, Mrs. EVA LaRUE, passed away November 7 after a long illness...Congratulations to JOANNE and FRANK STASI upon the arrival of little FRANK ALBERT Jr. on December 2... VALERIA BOWMAN, her husband, EDWARD, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. JOHNSON, went to Madrid, Iowa, to attend the 50th wedding anniversary of Val's aunt and uncle. They had a most enjoyable time visiting with relatives and friends, and stopped in Des Moines, Iowa, on the way back. Of course, they returned with fresh eggs, squash, and lots of goodies from harvest-time...It is nice to have VICTORIA LEPEK back in the CTA fold and we welcome her to our department...If you noticed the big, happy smile on MARIE COARI's face, it is due to the fact that she is driving a new Oldsmobile...Glad to have MAUREEN HOULIHAN back and feeling fine after a little stay in the hospital.

*- Clara Lawrence*

**CONGRESS (Agents) -**

Agent FAY CAPRIO had planned on spending the holidays in Hawaii but her daughter and granddaughter flew here instead because they wanted a white Christmas...JAMES CLARK's vacation was saddened by the passing of three relatives. We hope the holiday season with his new grandchild made up for it...Our deepest sympathy to the families of Pensioners HELEN RYAN and MARGARET QUEENAN, and to Pensioner OTTO SCHULTZ in the loss of his beloved wife...The South Side Agents club feted HELEN SHANNON with a dinner on December 3...EMMA RICHARDSON, the wife of Motorman RICHARDSON, is back to work as an agent. She's proudly showing pictures of her beautiful three-month old baby girl, RACHAIL ANDRETTA...NORA CARMODY, the daughter of Agent EILEEN CARMODY and THOMAS CARMODY of North Avenue, was married to KEVIN CUNNIE on December 2 at a candlelight ceremony in St. Priscilla's church. The radiant bride wore a lovely beaded lace gown and a three-tiered veil. Eileen was as glamorous as her daughter in beautiful beaded green. The happy couple honeymooned a thousand miles from Chicago. ..American Legion Post 1217 held its annual children's party at St. Rita's hall on December 12. SHELDON RITA, alias Santa Claus, was a huge success. Our photographer

RETIRING AS a stenographer on January 1, JEANNE FITZGERALD has also served for five years as an Inside News reporter--first in Engineering and then in General Accounting. Her fellow reporters, as well as Transit News staff members, extend best wishes for an enjoyable retirement. Among those who attended a luncheon in Jeanne's honor were (from left): W. B. FOLTA, general accountant, P. J. MEINARDI, manager of finance, A. J. FITZSIMMONS, retired general accountant, and H. F. BROWN, assistant general accountant.

was Past Legion Commander and West Shops Foreman JOHN CANNELLA. We also thank Post Commander PETE SABADOSA and all the fellows, and the Women's Auxiliary of Post 1217, for making everyone there feel like a special guest. My miniature schnauzer, Basil, enjoyed the cake, and I won two bottles of champagne...Agent AGNES NOONE was in West Suburban hospital but was up and out of bed in time to enjoy Christmas with the children...I hope everyone had a most enjoyable Christmas and may the New Year be the best you've ever had!

*- Julia Brousek*

**BEVERLY -**

Operator SCOTT on 103rd Street had a very wonderful talk with an old-timer who used to be at Burnside Depot. Mr. KELLEHER is 86 years young, very spry, quick of mind and looks very good. He sends his best regards to all who remember him. He has been retired for 20 years... Oh-wow! Operator LEROY LILLY and his wife, JOSEPHINE, celebrated their 43rd wedding anniversary on November 10...Last pick Operator VIC (No Pain) PACISKI picked a run on 95th Street, and every time we met his bus we could only see his curly head. This pick he is back on Michigan and he says, "No more 95th ever."..At this writing Operator ALLEN JACKSON is in Veteran's hospital on Damen. I will get over and see him as soon as possible...I made a return trip to Atlanta November 17-24, and had the pleasure of meeting Georgia State Representative Julian Bond. I also paid visits to Morris Brown and Clark colleges...Supervisor MARTENS, Dan Ryan terminal, wants this in this issue for sure. Since all the buses are from Beverly except one, please change your destination signs before you enter the terminal so the people and the loaders will know where you are going. And don't dump your transfer bags in the waste baskets at the terminal. School kids get the old transfers and cause problems. . . Inclement weather is here, so please drive carefully.

*- Tom Daniels & Amos Foster*

**CTA POLICE -**

Superintendent NORMAN GRAVER was in DuPage Memorial hospital with ulcer trouble. By mid-December he was home and expecting to return to the office. We're all looking forward to having you back at the helm, Mr. Graver. Chief BOB MILLER has been doing a splendid job in Mr. Graver's absence...Congratulations to RICHARD and LORRAINE DOUGHERTY on the birth of RICHARD Jr. Mother and son are doing very well...Stenographers JOAN JESTICE and PAT FLYNN had no luck with some goldfish and guppies they were caring for. It's no fish story, the office did look quite cheery with the Christmas decorations...The January semester is about to start. Featuring law enforcement, administration of justice, police-related public administration, or psychology courses are these schools: Loop, Southwest, Wright and Amundsen-Mayfair colleges; Northwestern university; Roosevelt university and Chicago State college-West Center. The G.I. bill and CTA's tuition plan can help you with expenses. Let's get with it, officers, and sign up for some smarts. Taking correspondence courses are HARVEY BELL and Sergeant CHARLES RIMELE...Now working as investigators for the secretary of state are BILL KLODNICKI and former officer DON KUSCH. Best of luck to these men in their new jobs...GENE SPATARO was off to have his tonsils removed. ..One evening JOHN FIRLINGER and BILL KLODNICKI were keeping watch at Peoria on the Congress. Two men left the train and went up the street. One man pulled a knife and tried to rob the other, cutting the victim in the scuffle. These two CTA officers moved in, and after a chase the robber was caught...Late last summer Lieutenant BOB McELROY and DAN MARTINIAK were working pickpockets around the northbound bus stop at State and Randolph. These officers arrested a man-and-woman pickpocket team. This "couple" was from out-of-town and had arrived 30 minutes before being arrested. The couple said they had heard that CTA Police were very skilled at detecting pickpockets, but they were still surprised at the quick arrest. They were out on bond and later failed to appear in court. The judge issued arrest warrants...Two former CTA officers have recently distinguished themselves. The Salutes column in the December 1 Chicago Police Daily Bulletin commended ROCCO COLUCCI (now at the 15th district) and his partner. They saw a man running and pursued him to investigate. The man turned with a gun in his hand. Rocco fired one shot, killing the man. The gunman was fleeing after robbing a daily labor office...Information on a robbery suspect led to a good narcotics pinch for BILL GROSSMAN, now on the 20th district's tactical unit. While checking out the robbery tip, Bill came across a quantity of heroin and capsules...Celebrating birthdays during the holiday season were: GENUTIS and ACTON on December 2, LELIOSH on December 11 and HIGENS on December 15. Celebrating in January were VERNON on the 3rd, RUTH on the 11th, HAWKINS on the 14th, CULBERTSON on the 24th and LEAHY on the 25th... Congratulations to BOB CULBERTSON and SAM RINI who are our newest sergeants, and to FRANK INGRASSIA, HEINZ VOGT, DAN MARTINIAK, RAY WIZNIEWSKI and MARV GOLDWATER who are on the sergeant's list...With the holidays come many happy times and family events. A happy, healthy and successful 1972 to everyone!

*- Timothy O'Mahony*

SHOWN HERE are CHARLOTTE and CHARLES BELL, the children of CHARLES and LYNN BELL, testing technician, Electrical Department, and the grandchildren of WILLIAM BELL and THOMAS VUJNOVICH of South Shops. Their great-grandfather is RALPH VUJNOVICH, formerly of West Shops.

**ELECTRICAL (General Office) -**

Happy New Year to everyone...ADOLPH KUTZ, estimator, retired on January 1 after 43 years of service. He and his bride, JULIE, whom he married in November, will make their home in Hot Springs, Arkansas. We wish them the best of health and happiness...MARIE HAVLIK and her sisters, RUTH and BERYL, enjoyed a winter vacation in

PROUD, INDEED, are the two CTAers who one year old BETH ANN LARSEN and three year old KRISTEN MARGARET LARSEN call grandpa and uncle. The youngsters are the granddaughters of Retired Forest Glen Station Superintendent EARL K. PETERSON and great-nieces of North Park Clerk ROBERT PETERSON.

beautiful Acapulco and Mexico City...Congratulations to LENORE and MARK KAO, electrical engineer I, who are the proud parents of a daughter, LILLIAN, born on November 11...We extend our sympathy to WALTER MOORE, testing engineer, whose father passed away recently in Crivitz, Wisconsin.

*- Kay McAlister*

**(Blue Island) -**

A happy and healthy New Year to all. Hope everyone enjoyed the holidays, and now we can look forward to spring. Seed catalogs are in the mail so spring can't be far away...CHESTER and DOROTHY MATUSZEWSKI became grandparents for the fourth time when a son, FRANK FLORIAN, was born on November 3 to FRANK and DORIE LURASIEWICZ...WILLIAM HOOVER retired on January 1 and we all wish him a happy retired life...DICK DORGAN received a letter and pictures of GILTON QUICK's retirement home in Black Mountain, North Carolina...By the notes received, JOE HERMAN is really enjoying his retirement in Sandalfoot Cove, Florida. He sent us a picture from the local paper which shows him holding a 7-pound big-mouth bass he caught. Joe just steps out the back door of his home and the bass are waiting for him...Late Flash--FRED MARIANE decided to retire on January 1. Best wishes for a happy retired life, Fred...Get well wishes are sent to D. RYAN, R. PRIESBE, R. O'BRIEN and J. HOFFERT.

*- William Rehder*

**(Chicago Avenue) -**

For all the friends of JIM ROEBER, this is to report that he had open heart surgery and is doing very well. In fact, a week after the operation we talked to him and he told us to get the belt and hooks ready...CHUCK and DOLL NOLTE went to Wyoming to babysit for their daughter, GAIL, while she had her baby. Along came KENNETH BRIAN who missed arriving on Halloween by one day. Afterwards, Chuck and Doll went to Las Vegas to recuperate from the strain of being grandparents again...CHARLIE PARHAM reports that his daughter, LINDA, is attending University of Illinois Circle Campus and doing quite well. One question, Linda, how is the biology coming?..If you were reading the sports section of the Tribune lately, you would have seen a picture of little PETE, the son of PETE GRAF. Little Pete was the quarterback of the second place Lakeview Wildcats in the White Division. The most tackled man on the team was chosen as all-city quarterback. Now the colleges are interested in Pete, number 10...BARNEY JONES has been off sick with the flu. He even spent some time in the hospital fighting the bug...Hope all our friends had a happy Holiday Season and are looking forward to a prosperous New Year.

*- Ben Nielsen*

**(Rapid Transit Signal Division) -**

The signal helpers' reporting and work locations are shuffled at fairly regular intervals. This means they are moved from one territory to another to facilitate the Signal Department's helper training program. Each man spends up to six months at a given location, working alongside the maintainer for that particular territory. A recent shuffle of this type caused ten of our helpers to be on the move. Good luck to all of you who were transferred...STEVEN ZELLNER was recently promoted to signal foreman. He replaced WILLIAM BAKER who retired. Steve is now in charge of the South Section, and at the age of 36, he becomes the youngest person to ever attain foremanship. His promotion wasn't much of a surprise as he is known throughout the Signal Department as a very dependable and conscientious worker...PAMELA WILLIAMS and STEVE HAMMER exchanged marriage vows on November 20, 1971, at St. Charles Boromeo church in Bensenville. Congratulations to the newlyweds. As this was the first wedding for the Williams' household, it was indeed a joyous occasion for everyone...ART LUPESCU, who has been off with a fractured ankle, has returned to work...Signal Helper JOHN GAY was recently promoted to a journeyman. He took a holding position at Loomis-Congress, and will be working the 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. trick...Regretfully we report the death of ERIC G. (Andy) ANDREASON who passed away on October 8 at the age of 69 in San Diego, California. The Signal Department extends their heartfelt sympathy to his wife, IRMA...A hearty welcome is extended to DONALD HAWKINS, our newest addition to the Signal Department. Donald, a former bus operator at North Avenue Station, began his tour of duty as a signal helper in the construction gang on November 15. Good luck, Don...The Signal Department gives a party honoring each of its retiring employees. These parties are attended by both retired and working personnel and the men look forward to them with great anticipation. Lately CTA employees from different departments have been attending these parties regularly, and many more have been showing interest in them. The party committee welcomes any CTA male employee, and beginning with the next party, they will announce the date and location in the Transit News. Those desiring to attend need only inform the committee...PAT DOYLE, North Side signal foreman, and his wife, ETHEL, visited ED and DELLA RAYMUS at their home in Kelly Lake, Wisconsin, over the Thanksgiving weekend. Pat and Ethel have known Ed and

HOLDING THE 20-pound musky that brought him a cash prize is Pensioner MARION TOMETICH. Soup, as he is known by his friends, was a machinist in the Plant Equipment Maintenance Division of the Engineering Department.

Della for more than 15 years, and have visited them each summer for several years. This trip was of particular interest as it was the golden wedding anniversary for Ed and Della. The celebration was enjoyed by everyone. As somewhat of a bonus for the Doyles, they were caught in what must have been the first snowstorm of the season, when seven inches of the white stuff was dumped in and around Kelly Lake. Pat's car became stuck in a snow drift off an isolated highway, providing them with a giant-size scare. As luck would have it, several deer hunters in the area came to their rescue and saved them from what could have been a very horrifying experience... FLASH--CASIMIR KOTARA bought a new car. This is the first car he has ever owned. He said he likes it very much, but his wife, GENECE, likes it even better. She likes it so well, that she drives it all the time and Cas has to take the bus to work. He feels that perhaps he should never have taught her to drive. Casimir's 22-year old son, DAN, has joined the army reserves. He is presently serving his initial six-month hitch at Fort Dix, New Jersey...DAVE BARR has returned to work after serving jury duty for civil suits. He said he enjoyed it very much, and gained considerable knowledge and respect for our judicial process... VICK ZASTERA, West Side signal foreman, made another trip out west. This time he visited Phoenix, Arizona, and Salt Lake City, Utah, spending two days in each city. This kind of trip is getting to be a habit with Vick. He won't tell us why he went or why he came back. He bought a ski jacket somewhere along the way, but that only serves to confuse the subject even more. Many safe returns, Vick.

*- Tommie Lowery*

**ENGINEERING -**

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year...Now to finish up last year's news. LOUISE SANDSTROM went up to Iron Mountain to visit her sister, ESTER, during the Thanksgiving holidays. Instead of getting snowed in she got fogged in and had to take a Greyhound bus back to Chicago...KATHY KRUEGER took a vacation to London for three weeks during December. The fellows wish to thank MARYANNE KARL for helping out while Kathy was gone...Our congratulations are extended to HENRY T. LUEBECK on his appointment as engineer of capital improvements...Everyone in the Engineering Department would like to extend their sympathy to LEO LIZAK and his brother in the loss of their mother...The drafting section was visited by a former employee, MARIO MUNOZ, who is now working for the city. There are also some new additions to the drafting section--JOE URBASZEWSKI adopted four snails from PAT FLYNN for his fish bowl. So Joe put them right to work...JOHN CHURA just finished his civic duty as a juror...Our congratulations to JOSEPH J. O'CONNOR on his appointment as supervisor of Real Estate. Joe was also elected treasurer of the Illinois Chapter of the American Right of Way Association. On Friday, November 19, Joe and his wife, MARY CATHERINE, and HENRY T. LUEBECK and his wife, MARY, drove to Springfield for the installation of officers banquet. Needless to say, they all had a good time at the party. The following day, Joe, Hank and the two Marys toured some of the historic sights before heading home.

**(West Shops) -**

The annual turkey raffle at Plumber's Local No. 130 was a huge success as far as West Shops was concerned. All the men present received a brush and shoe horn kit. The following men were winners: J. NABLE a $10 Jewel gift certificate, W. C. HALLFORD a French phone, R. J. HAYES an electric clock, and C. J. MAJEROWICZ a paradise fruit cake...One week of JOE CHRISTOI's vacation was spent at home preparing for the big Thanksgiving feast and family reunion at his home...LEE ANDERSON's vacation in the New England states was spoiled by bad weather, but his recent long weekend made up for it. Lee came back with quite a few birds...WAYNE HANSEN vacationed in the beautiful State of Washington, while T. L. WOLGEMUTH journeyed to San Francisco for a reunion with his buddies. A grand old time was had by all...PAUL ANDERSON looked rested after a three-week vacation out west, and is getting ready for a trip to Hawaii soon. Watch out for the hula dancers, Paul...Congratulations to W. J. JOSWICK, M. K. O'CONNOR, and WALLY FELCKOWSKI who became journeymen recently...Happy to see you looking tanned and well rested after your trip to Arizona, CHARLIE SCHREY... J. W. LEMOND had a happy time at a family reunion. This is the first time in many, many years that Jim had his whole family together at one time...Your co-reporter spent her two-week vacation out west visiting her mother and sister in Glendora, California. Incidentally, Glendora is where Sally Rand lives. We saw her beautiful hilltop home but were not able to get close enough to see Miss Rand. We drove to Long Beach, California, for a short visit with my brother whom I haven't seen in 20 years. Then on to La Jolla for a week's visit with HELEN and "Big JOHN" RETZLER. He sends his regards to all.

*- Darlene Jansen & Jennie Scott*

REGINA DAREN, medical secretary, proudly displays the photo which won for her two tickets to the Chicago Bears-Minnesota Vikings football game on December 19, a weekend at the Sheraton-Blackstone hotel, and dinner at the Cafe Barcelona. Photo by Chicago Today, sponsor of the "Find the Ball" contest.

**FOREST GLEN -**

Beautiful beyond words is the world that God has made, but if we have no love for mankind it is very dark. Do take a look around us--we are all the Lord's children. For 1972 let's let the sun shine into our souls. Station Superintendents GEORGE DE WITT and VIC JOHNSON hope each and all had a happy New Year, and also wish to thank everyone for a job well done in '71. So, fellows, how about showing them a much better '72...Operator JOHN ZONTA and his lovely wife, GERTRUDE, had an early Christmas gift--their first child, KIMBERLY, was born on December 6...Three of our finest operators spent two weeks in Canada. These young men are none other than DAVIS, ZEIGLER and ANDERSON. From the reports I hear, these boys really had a ball. But they forgot to take their fishing

gear. How come, Davis ?..Retired Board Member GEORGE STILLWELL passed away in Argo, Florida, and was buried in Iowa...SYLVESTER (Slim) PATELSKI sends greetings to all his friends in the CTA from Norway. Slim hasn't been feeling too well lately...SCHAFFER, Super Mex wants to know when you are going to take that rain-cap off...Mr. and Mrs. BILL DEVITT celebrated 38 years of wedded bliss on December 2. Their four children and eight grandchildren were on hand to surprise them...One of our most silent operators, who never says too much but is respected by all, JOHN BEDNARZ, celebrated 35 years of wedded bliss on November 25. John said he is looking forward to another 35 years. There was a surprise party given for them by his family and friends--including five grandchildren...Relief Clerk MILLER went hunting out West. It will be interesting to hear just what he bagged. He says that he is only going after large game...Supervisor BILL ROWAN, I still say you ought to be wearing a white shirt. Your pleasant smile turns a dull day into a bright one...SAM (Shopping Bag) POLNIAZEK had a wonderful summer. His lovely wife and daughter saved their money and took the old boy to Mexico. Sam says the buses there are something out of this world...Operator ROCKY MALFESE and his wife, ALICE, spent several weeks in the Ozarks. Looks like Rocky is trying to find a place to retire...CLIFFORD LAST has finally gotten his wife a job. She is now delivering mail. I wonder what's next for the poor old gal ?..Supervisor WILLEY DUREN was in the hospital recently and wishes to thank all his friends for checking on him. As of this writing Duren is back on the job and feeling fine. At least you know now who your friends are, Willey...Superintendent VIC JOHNSON paid a visit to CHARLIE KERR, retired superintendent of North Park, down in Florida. I wonder if any of you noticed those loud shirts he brought back. Boy, his office sure shines when he wears one of them. Anyway, Vic, they look good on you...Speaking of shirts, take a look at those neckties HERBIE has been wearing in the office...On November 25 Operator ED MERK and his lovely wife, AUDREY, celebrated 34 years of marital bliss. They have three grandchildren...Looks like we will have to take up a collection and buy Operator BOUDREAU a pair of shoes. The poor fellow showed up at work wearing one house slipper and one regular shoe. Anyway, he's feeling better...Operator E. GUEDEL just finished 30 years with the company. He also has 35 years of married life and is looking younger every day...STANEK had his fishing pretty well in hand last summer. He is looking forward to a much better year in '72. He said he is really going to get the big ones...CONNIE had a couple of broken ribs recently when he fell from a ladder. Anyway, that's his story...BILL WITKUS just completed 27 years with CTA. He also has been married 27 years. At least, Bill, you are keeping the numbers together...Big JIM SKOPEC is off sick. He found some money under his mattress and I wonder if this is what made him sick...Operator REDMAN, your hair-do was perfect. Did you say your wife put it in curls ?..Our favorite terminal board operator, CHAPLESKI, has been a little ill. I am sure this fine gentleman will overcome whatever is in his way. We are all praying for you, Chappie...From my home to yours, we wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year. A smile costs nothing, but gives much...All the fellows in the credit union, TED, JOHN and JIM send their best wishes for a happy New Year to all...God bless all of you.

*- W. A. Henry* (Don't call me Wilbur)

SHOWING SOME of the 150 pounds of coho salmon they caught while fishing in Lake Michigan are Operator CLARENCE MOORE, 77th Street, and Archer Station Superintendent VIC COLEMAN. Operator BILL HOLAND, 52nd Street, was also along and took this photo.

**GENERAL OFFICE (Insurance) -**

Wedding bells will be ringing soon for RITA OPFERGELT, clerk-typist and the daughter of HERBERT OPFERGELT, a bus operator out of North Avenue Station, who received a beautiful diamond engagement ring from BILL KRUEGER...KATHY MURRAY, stenographer, together with her fiance drove to Lincoln, Nebraska, over the Thanksgiving holiday to visit with her sister...An open house was held for ED DONAHUE, insurance clerk, on December 30. We wish him the best of luck and an enjoyable retirement... WILLIAM FINKLER, a January graduate from Stout State university in Wisconsin, and a graduate trainee, returned to his alma mater for the annual homecoming festivities on October 22. While there he was elected chairman of the Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity alumni chapter.

**(Employment) -**

Congratulations are in order for LOIS JEAN MOLLENKAMP, clerk-typist, who recently announced her engagement to HANK BOOMER. The wedding date is set for May 20, 1972...SUSAN HOLZMEISTER, stenographer, has left CTA to await a blessed event.

**(Employe Relations) -**

WILLIAM WIEHER, job analyst, and his wife became the proud parents of a baby boy named BRENT.

**(Treasury) -**

EMIL DERMA, cashier, is still talking about his trip to Albuquerque where the Slovak Society held their convention. He still would like to purchase an "abode" down there...After 43 years of service with the CTA, FLORENCE BUTTERFIELD, secretary-stenographer, took her retirement on January 1. Florence has no definite plans for the future, except for applying for a job as a belly dancer...We were glad to see JOHNNY POPE, paymaster, back to work after surgery. Hope things were sewed up alright and he will be able to smoke his cigars...Birthday greetings are being sent to Treasurer C. H. GRUBE, and Token Clerks JOE KUNZER and MIKE BRUNO...ANN M. GUSICH, cashier, chose a 747 flight to sunny California for her vacation. She visited her nephew and niece. She also got acquainted with her new great nephew, DAVID, the one-year old son of DAVID and MAUREEN JOGNIA of San Bernardino. During

# NEW PENSIONERS

JOINING THE ranks of the retired on December 1 and January 1 are the 17 employes pictured here who had 40 or more years of transit service each with CTA and its predecessor transit companies.

H. A. LOWE
47 Years

F. L. BUTTERFIELD
43 Years

R. L. ELDERKIN
45 Years

G. F. JOHANNES
44 Years

A. A. KUTZ
42 Years

W. J. MORLEY
44 Years

J. L. DeGRAZIA
42 Years

WALTER F. AHERN, Clerk III,
Engineering, Emp. 12-3-28
RUDOLPH ALBRECHT, Chief Clerk,
77th Street, Emp. 12-17-29
WALTER C. AUGUSTYN, Bus Handler,
South Shops, Emp. 3-13-43
CECELIA E. BAGGS, Supervisory Stenographer,
Law, Emp. 8-20-34
ELMER R. BAY, Supervisor,
Central District, Emp. 12-17-40
WILLIAM S. BENNIS, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 6-26-43
LAWRENCE O. BERMINGHAM, Supervisor,
District B, Emp. 4-19-34
MARTIN A. BOGAN, Supervisor,
South District, Emp. 9-10-42
ROBERT W. BROWN, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 7-1-42
HERMAN A. BUDDE, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 9-9-42
THOMAS W. BURNS, Janitor,
Kedzie, Emp. 4-21-42
FLORENCE L. BUTTERFIELD, Secretary,
Treasury, Emp. 11-15-28
JOHN CACZAR, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 2-20-51
OWEN F. CALT, Supervisor,
Central District, Emp. 7-15-37
NORA V. CRONIN, Clerk II,
Claim, Emp. 6-22-42
LOUARD C. CRUMBAUGH, Operator,
52nd Street, Emp. 11-15-43
STANLEY J. CWIAKALA, Conductor,
West Section, Emp. 7-19-43
JOSEPH L. DeGRAZIA, Schedule Maker,
Schedule & Traffic, Emp. 1-8-28
FRANK A. DeNOTTO, Bus Repairer,
North Avenue, Emp. 1-9-30
SAM DeSALVO, Schedule Maker,
Schedule & Traffic, Emp. 12-30-29
HAROLD J. DESIRON, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 9-15-36
GLENN DEWAR, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 11-21-41
ANDREW J. DINNELLA, Superintendent,
Special Investigations, Emp. 5-10-34
MARSHALL A. DODD, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 1-22-29
WALTER B. DOLPH, Collector,
Archer, Emp. 5-26-34
EDWARD J. DONAHUE, Insurance Clerk,
Insurance, Emp. 1-2-45
JOHN DONOHUE, Shopman,
Skokie Shops, Emp. 5-6-42
RUSSELL L. ELDERKIN, Line Supervisor,
Operations Control, Emp. 10-12-26
ELMER J. FEIEREISEL, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 2-28-34
JOHN H. FINCH, Assistant Comptroller,
Finance, Emp. 11-27-21
JEANNE M. FITZGERALD, Steno II,
Accounting, Emp. 11-29-65
JOHN E. FITZGERALD, Traffic Clerk,
Schedule & Traffic, Emp. 9-23-40
JAMES J. FITZMAURICE, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 6-24-42
JOHN P. FLYNN, Special Assignment,
Transportation, Emp. 7-18-27

J. P. FLYNN
44 Years

S. L. DeSALVO
42 Years

W. F. AHERN
43 Years

W. H. STINESPRING
43 Years

R. ALBRECHT
42 Years

C. C. GOLZ
44 Years

A. C. MARIANI
41 Years

L. SPARACINO
46 Years

M. A. DODD
42 Years

T. SCIANNA
42 Years

WILLARD L. GILL, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 11-7-33
JULIUS S. GOLNIK Jr., Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 1-28-36
CLARENCE C. GOLZ, Carpenter Foreman,
Skokie Shops, Emp. 3-2-27
RAYMOND E. GUNTHER, Traffic Checker,
Schedule & Traffic, Emp. 8-30-43
CARL F. GUSTAFSON, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 7-22-41
RUDOLPH HAAS, Information Clerk,
Transportation, Emp. 6-29-33
CORNELIUS HAFFEY, Plumber,
Engineering, Emp. 6-20-39
WALTER HALLFORD, Instructor,
North Park Garage, Emp. 2-16-35
JOHN J. HEELAN, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 10-12-36
WILLIAM H. HOOVER, Substation Operator,
Electrical, Emp. 1-20-36
WILLIAM W. JENNINGS, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 7-5-44
GEORGE F. JOHANNES, Schedule Maker,
Schedule & Traffic, Emp. 9-12-27
STANLEY N. JOZWIAK, Operator,
Keeler, Emp. 6-24-37
ARTHUR J. KAESTNER, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 9-12-42
ADOLPH KUNZ, Car Repairman A,
Congress, Emp. 12-9-52
ADOLPH A. KUTZ, Estimator,
Electrical, Emp. 1-7-29
JOSEPH R. LAUTERBACH, Collector,
77th Street, Emp. 1-10-36

JOSEPH LAZZARA, Traffic Checker,
Schedule & Traffic, Emp. 6-6-41
ELMER LIPPNER, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 10-25-44
WILLIAM F. LOUBSKY, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 6-17-41
HELEN A. LOWE, Accountant II,
Finance, Emp. 8-27-24
EDWARD F. LYNCH, Janitor,
Kedzie, Emp. 2-3-43
ALFRED C. MARIANI, Special Projects Engineer,
Electrical, Emp. 3-17-30
JAMES W. MARTIN Jr., Bus Repairer,
North Park, Emp. 6-15-41
CHARLES L. McCLEANON, Track Foreman I,
Engineering, Emp. 3-4-46
EDMOND F. McCUTCHEN, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 11-5-53
GEORGE J. MEYER, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 8-21-41
WILLIAM J. MORLEY, Motorman,
North Section, Emp. 2-4-27
IRVING MOSKOVITZ, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 10-13-43
ALFRED G. NORRIS, Laborer,
South Shops, Emp. 8-28-41
WILLIAM J. O'BRIEN, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 6-27-42
CORNELIUS O'SHEA, Supervisor,
District C, Emp. 9-26-40
JAMES H. PARRY, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 7-1-42

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WILLIAM L. PEARSON, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 5-27-41
EDWARD R. PYTLEWICZ, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 11-29-40
WILLIAM D. QUIGLEY, Operator, Beverly, Emp. 2-28-34
THOMAS F. QUINN, Supervisor, District A, Emp. 9-28-36
WILLIAM C. ROWE, Conductor, South Section, Emp. 11-8-41
CARL J. RUSSE, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 5-3-44
MICHAEL G. RUSSIN, Serviceman, Kimball, Emp. 8-20-52
HERBERT F. SAFFRAHN, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 11-26-40
STANLEY J. SARNECKI, Janitor, Forest Glen, Emp. 7-31-43
CHARLES B. SCHOEWER, Operator, North Park, Emp. 11-25-36
TONY SCIANNA, Bus & Truck Mechanic, South Shops, Emp. 7-12-29
ALBERT SIEGEL, Operator, North Park, Emp. 8-8-42
ALBIN B. SKONIECZNY, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 9-3-42
GERALD R. SMITH, Carpenter A, Way & Structures, Emp. 5-5-43
WILLIS L. SNODGRASS, Operator, North Park, Emp. 8-29-37
LORENZO SPARACINO, Trackman I, Engineering, Emp. 11-6-25
ANTHONY SPATAFORE, Shop Inspector, South Shops, Emp. 10-17-30
WILLIAM H. STINESPRING, Operator, North Park, Emp. 5-25-28
ANDREW R. STOLTMAN, Information Clerk, Transportation, Emp. 10-5-36
CHARLES J. SUNDBLAD, Operator, Beverly, Emp. 8-22-41
GLENN L. THOMPSON, Switchman, North Section, Emp. 11-18-46
VIRGIL D. TRIMMER, Operator, Beverly, Emp. 4-25-42
AUGUST G. WESSEL, Bus Repairer, Archer, Emp. 4-19-27
JOHN M. WIERCIOCH, Car Repairman A, Kimball, Emp. 9-9-29
WILLIAM T. YEATMAN, Box Puller, 69th Street, Emp. 12-11-40

### DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

DAVID R. BRUMIRSKI, Operator, 69th Street, Emp. 9-9-46
JOHN R. BUSSEMA, Operator, Archer, Emp. 9-22-42
VIRGINIA R. CASHION, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 2-3-44
ARTHUR L. DAVISTON, Operator, Beverly, Emp. 8-11-58
SAM S. FIORITO, Carpenter A, South Shops, Emp. 5-10-45
EDWARD J. HILL, Schedule Clerk, Schedule & Traffic, Emp. 9-16-35
JOHN B. O'REILLY, Office Engineer, Engineering, Emp. 7-1-31
ERVIN A. ZIELKE, Janitor, Keeler, Emp. 6-26-44

her stay she also attended a beautiful garden wedding reception of a relative. Time passed so swiftly that she only had time to phone RITA WISNIEWSKI, your Co-reporter REGGIE's twin and a former employee of the Claim Department, to say hello. Rita sends holiday greetings to all her CTA friends.

**(Executive) -**

Recent Retiree WILLIS HELFRICH and his wife, LAURA, are enjoying a world tour and when we last heard from them they were approaching the Philippines in late October. On board a Norwegian freighter which made ports of call along the East Coast, they went non-stop from Panama to Manila in 23 days. They will leave the ship in Singapore, fly to New Zealand and Australia, then sail from Sydney to Cape Town. Taking to the air again, they will visit Johannesburg, Victoria Falls, Nairobi, Cairo, Turkey, Greece, Italy, Spain and England. They are due home about April 1.

**(Office Services) -**

We were glad to see LAVERNE SCHULTZ, clerk, back to work after her brief illness...LEN SKRINE, supervisor of mail clerks, together with his wife and another couple drove through Tucson, Sun City, Phoenix and San Diego on a three-week vacation and enjoyed every minute of it.

**(Public Information) -**

At the 29th Annual Conference of the National Association of Suggestion Systems held recently in Denver, CTA was awarded the first place blue ribbon plus a plaque for their flag exhibit. The display depicted a 134 per cent suggestion submission increase through the distribution of flag lapel pins to all suggesters. The presentation of a certified suggestion system administrator certificate to RUSS WARNSTEDT, CTA suggestion coordinator, was also a first for NASS members in the Chicagoland area. The parade of chapters book, compiled by Russ during the past year for the Chicago chapter, was judged the best of seven entries submitted throughout the United States. For his efforts, the chapter was presented a $100 check and another blue ribbon. Good work, Russ, we are proud of you.

**(Medical) -**

Dr. SYDNEY FABIAN and his wife, MOLLY, flew TWA recently for a two-week vacation in the Holy Land and visit to the birthplace of Jesus in Bethlehem. They also visited the Church of the Holy Sepulcher where Jesus was buried, took in various sights of Jerusalem and found all the places exceedingly interesting and historical...A warning went out to all our Irish friends in the County of Roscommon to be on the lookout for MARY LEDWITH, RN, when she arrived for the holidays. Mary just acquired her driver's license before leaving, and when she goes barreling down the roads, we hope she remembers which side to drive on. Anyway, congratulations to you on passing the driver's test, it is a great achievement...The welcome mat is extended to Dr. GEORGE B. SILER who joined the medical staff on November 22, and also a happy birthday to him.

**(Research & Planning) -**

Now that the holidays are behind us, and we're all on diets from the good cooking, we have many items to re-

port--naturally about our holiday activities...TOM and MILDRED HENNINGSEN flew to Florida to visit with their daughter and son-in-law, CAROL and SAM WILLI, and grandchildren, MELISA and DAVID. Being together made their holidays complete, and as Tom put it, "A good time was had by all."..GEORGE MACAK spent his vacation at home with his wife and kids over the holidays. George enjoyed helping CHUCKY and PAMELA play with their new toys. Guess dad deserves it after he had to assemble everything...BILL GOODWIN, along with his family and neighbors, went tobogganing at Twin Lakes, Wisconsin. Bill said it was the highest slide he'd ever seen. You have to take a ski lift to the top and the toboggan takes you for a long thrilling ride down onto the frozen lake. It sounds pretty risky to us, but the Goodwins had a great time and Bill's daughters can't wait until dad takes them there again. ..MARY ELLEN and her boyfriend, JIM, who will soon be stationed at Great Lakes, spent the holidays together with friends and relatives. One of the highlights was New Year's day where they saw Sonny and Cher at Mill Run Playhouse. Sitting a few rows away, enjoying the show, was MARY BOSKI...STEVE LEGLER was CTA's representative at the National Conference on Personal Rapid Transit in Minneapolis. Steve said it was interesting to see the new ideas presented, but it does not appear that personal rapid transit would have too much application to the CTA service area. Steve also took a few days of his vacation after the conference so his wife, SHARI, and daughter, CHERYL, came along. The Leglers took a ride on the Amtrak train and visited with friends and relatives in Minneapolis. It was a fast vacation, but a nice one at that...DICK BRAZDA and DAVE PHILLIPS went on a week-long trip to Washington, Philadelphia, Boston, and the Toronto area where they visited various transit systems and met with friends at the Department of Transportation. They both gathered various items of interest, but by the time they were halfway through they were so loaded down that they decided to send some of it back home. So they did; 12 pounds of literature awaited their return. The trip was quite a success and we're glad to hear they had a great time. Also, welcome to Dick Brazda as a graduate trainee in our planning section... GRACE IACONO's daughter, CAROLYN, who is presently studying nursing at Ravenswood hospital, received her cap and will get some practical nursing experience now. Grace and her husband, FRANK, South Shops, must really be proud of Carolyn...DAVE LEVITIN, temporary trainee, is happy to report that he completed his masters degree in transportation at Northwestern university. Congratulations, Dave!..Last, but not least, welcome home to WALLY PASZYNA who has returned to work after his recent hospitalization.

*- Regina Daren & Eileen Neurauter*

**KEDZIE -**

Operator JAMES McWILLIAMS received the Medal of Merit award from Mayor Daley and the first Chairman's Award from Transit Board Chairman MICHAEL CAFFERTY, for coming to the aid of a woman who was being assaulted on his bus. Congratulations, Jim...Instructors PERKINS and THROWER were at Kedzie with the Suggestion Bus...Operators SCOTTY and WILLIAM KELLY, Beverly, stopped over at Kedzie to say hello to all...Our congratulations and best wishes are extended to the following who are going on pension: Janitor THOMAS BURNS who will make his home in New Mexico; Janitor E. LYNCH;

**PROOF OF** his marksmanship is evidenced here by Operator **ULISES RUIZ**, North Park, who shot this Canadian goose while hunting at Horizon Marsh Lands in Wisconsin.

Operator JOHN HEELAN, and Operator A. KAESTNER. We wish all of you the best of health and happiness during your retired years...Our deepest sympathy to the families of: Operator J. MURPHY whose lovely wife, CATHERINE, was laid to rest on November 29; ART VAN MOFFAERT, formerly of Lawndale, who was laid to rest on November 9; Operator W. DZINCIOLOSKI in the loss of his father, WALTER, and Pensioner JAMES RITTENBERG, who was laid to rest on November 1...To all the operators on the sick list we wish each of you a speedy recovery and a quick return to work...Don't forget your credit union, save a little each payday so you can help another in need.

*- Raymond Graham*

**LAWNDALE -**

In December Superintendent JACK MORRIS posted a letter in the trainroom for all the men to see. It was a letter congratulating all of the operators for having another safe month, November, and it looks as if the men of Lawndale are going to have another safe year as well. Mr. Morris also stated that he was looking forward to receiving another plaque from the Greater Chicago Safety Council for an outstanding safety performance in 1971... Christmas came early to Relief Clerk HELMUT STANKEVICIUS, who married the former Miss CHRIS RUTKOWSKI on November 27, 1971. Helmut and Chris honeymooned in the Grand Canyon State of Arizona. We at Lawndale wish both of you many happy married years...Operator and Mrs. DAVID MILLSAP moved into their new home for an extra early Christmas gift...We're glad to see that Operators A. ADAMS, C. ADAMS and E. BENN have all returned to work after their recent illness. Operator FRANK DOWNEY is now receiving visitors at Oak Park hospital. As of this writing we understand that Frank is coming along just fine as is ALFRED LEE TURNER...Operator ALVIN DICKERSON has been cited by CTA Board Chairman MICHAEL CAFFERTY for his role in reporting an accident involving a CTA bus and several automobiles, in which Alvin also helped assist the Chicago Police Department with several injured persons. He also received personal commendations from Superintendent of Transportation D. M. FLYNN and Superintendent of Operating Stations G. A. RILEY. And Lawndale also congratulates Operator Dickerson for his fine endeavor. He is indeed a credit to the CTA and the men with whom he works...Happy birthdays are extended this month to: R. SMITH, E. RIHA, H. REDDICK, J. PENDLETON, A. PATTERSON, D. PAPA, G. O'DONNELL, G.

POSING NICELY for the cameraman are DANIEL and DINA JACOBS, the three year old and one year old grandchildren of DANIEL GRANUCCI, stock clerk, Storeroom 20, Blue Island.

MALARZ, R. LUCAS, O. LENOIR, C. KASAL, M. KARIOLICH, J. JAMISON, T. JACKSON, F. HRUBY, T. HOUSTON, F. DOWNEY, B. DAVIS, B. COOPER, J. COLEMAN, W. CHRISTIAN, J. BURRIS, R. BRAXTON, T. BUTLER, R. BRUCE, N. BROWN, G. BROWN, M. BILLS, E. BENN and C. ADAMS...Thanks goes out to P.M. Foreman COATES, Repairmen LEMUEL COOK, JOE OLANDESE, JONES and SMITH for performing their duties so efficiently, recently. We also understand that Repairman MIKE WEAVER has everything under control in the tire department...While writing this letter to the men of Lawndale, I'm thinking that, up until now, we've had very little or no snow. So I hope that by the time you feast your eyes upon this bold print, you've played everything with safety in mind. Maybe we'll have a snowless winter (smile)...Remember your favorite young lady next month. That's right, Valentine's day is right around the corner...So until next month, fellows, THINK SAFETY.

*- James Marshall*

**LIMITS -**

The annual Limits Credit Union business meeting and party was held at Weiglet's hall on January 16. Members and their families who attended enjoyed refreshments after the meeting and drawings for door prizes...Operator HUGO KOEPEKE and his wife, RUTH, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last month with a host of friends and relatives in Bensenville, Illinois. Congratulations to this fine couple...Operator EDWARD NOWICKI's son, EDWARD Jr., took his examination for the detective force with Chicago's Police Department. He received the top rating of over 2,000 applicants, and will be assigned to Task Force Area Four. Congratulations, and may you always be a credit to the Police Department and the people you serve...Operator HERMAN TRIMUEL and his wife adopted a cute baby boy from University of Illinois hospital. They are very happy with the little fellow named OMAR. We all know that he's in a good home where he will receive love and protection and will grow up to be a real credit to his family...Our sincerest sympathy to the families of Pensioners F. SARTI and MICHAEL KELLY who passed away last month...The mother of Clerk WILBERT GERRISH passed away; also the son of former president of the Limits Credit Union RALPH VENN. Our sincerest sympathy to these families...As we embark on the year 1972, may we all enjoy a fruitful year filled with lots of good health and happiness.

*- R. S. Benson*

**LOOP -**

We hope that each and every one of you had a wonderful holiday season with your family...Loop Gang Leader STEVE CUNNINGHAM is off the sick book and feeling fine again after surgery. He and his crew have those Loop stations sparkling...Agent ANN CINCETTI is home from the hospital and doing fine. Hurry back, Ann...MARY MORGAN is back on the job, too, and has asked us to convey her thanks to all for their kind thoughts and cards while she was home recuperating. Glad to have you back, Mary...Our sympathy to the family of Janitor OTIS BUCHANAN, Loop, who passed away. Also to the family of Retired Assignment Agent MARGARET QUEENAN who passed away...Agent DAVE GRAFMAN has returned from the hospital and is feeling much better. We hope he will be back with us by the time this news is in print...Retired Agent MARGIE WHITE sent wishes for a happy holiday season all the way from Ireland. We in turn hope that she, too, had a wonderful one in the Emerald Isle...Former Agent JOHN FILIPEK sends best wishes to all...Janitor E. SCHULTZ lost his beloved dog and was greatly depressed. A good friend gave him another dog similar to the one he lost, and it has helped a lot to cheer him up...Retired Lake Street Janitor L. BYRNES is feeling fine and sends greetings to all. He says he would like to have his friends visit with him...Student Agent BADER MOHAMMAD HAYA was married on October 3. A reception for 700 people was held at Lexington House in Hickory Hills, Illinois. The young couple honeymooned in Florida and the Bahamas...On December 4 your co-reporter, MARY WIXTED, and Agent JULIE MATTRAN and her husband, RAY, had a lovely dinner at the home of Agent and Co-reporter MILDRED DOYLE and her hubby, DAN. The meal was a gourmet's delight, from soup to dessert. Speaking of soup, our Millie makes a great cream of potato soup. Watch that waistline, Dan... Agent JUANITA EDEN and her mother, Agent WILMA EDEN, spent the yuletide in Minneapolis visiting with Juanita's brother, his wife and five children. They had a great time, and during their family gathering they received the good news that the younger brother, DOUGLAS, had presented his girl with a diamond ring and is now officially engaged. Congratulations to the happy couple from all... We are a little short on news this time due to the hustle and bustle of the holidays. In closing, we hope 1972 will be a healthy, happy and prosperous year for each and every one of you. Keep smiling!

*- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wixted*

**MILWAUKEE, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -**

First of all, we want to say we hope everyone had a nice Christmas and is enjoying a prosperous New Year...There was a little changing around with the system pick this time: Collector LISCHER went to Howard Street tower; FLOWERS went south and will be on the extra board. By the way, I heard he was getting his little daughter, MARIA, a charge plate for Christmas so she can do just like mommy...BILL PFEIFFER spent his vacation in Hawaii...E. BEEBE is still on the sick list but hopes to be back soon...DAVE GRAFMAN had surgery and is recuperating at home, while Agent LOUISE DREWS is on the sick list...HERB SAFFRAHN took his pension on December 1. Here's hoping you have a long and healthy retirement, Herb...Clerk PETE GERTZ went to Lake Street; Chief Clerk JOHN CARLAN and JOE MARKOS will be the a.m. clerks at Jefferson Park, and RAY GEHRKE will be the p.m. clerk. ED

PFANNKUCHE is taking the a.m. at Douglas; guess his wife, VI, wants him to...SHEILA MURPHY took a November vacation to Florida to visit friends...Former Student Agent SUE SMYK is doing cancer research at the University of Chicago. She is a svelte 120 pounds now, and has a steady boyfriend; see what a good figure can do. So watch that weight, gals!..Agent AGNES NOONE is in the hospital at the present time; get well soon, Agnes...MINNIE DIKEMAN's granddaughter and two of her cousins were in a parade at Santa's Village, where horses drew a pumpkin carriage. That was quite a thrill...Co-reporter GRACE MOUNTS and her husband, CLEM, took a trip to Rochester, Minnesota, to the Mayo Clinic and found it to be a wonderful place to find out what's wrong with a person. She not only found out what was wrong with her, but found out that her husband had gallstones for which he was operated on November 29, and also found that he had a ruptured appendix. He's home now and doing fine, thanks to Mayo and their good surgeons... Once again we're wishing all a healthy and prosperous New Year.

*- Grace Mounts & Katy Moriarty*

**NORTH AVENUE -**

Congratulations to all of you who helped put North Avenue in the winning spot in the Interstation Safety Contest. With the bad weather approaching we'll have to work even harder to stay on top. Remember, drive defensively...On November 6, Garage Instructor FRANK BRUNO and his wife, ANITA, celebrated six years of wedded bliss by dining and dancing at Lancer Steak House...Our Courtesy Caravan Club members for October are: F. KOLCZ who was helpful in recovering a lost article; E. AGUAYO for his exceptional courtesy; J. TURNER for assisting the handicapped; B. WHEELER who also assisted the handicapped; P. SCHMANSKI for his exceptional courtesy; A. HINER who was considerate of intending passengers; H. SLACK who displayed exceptional courtesy; C. CARLSON who was helpful in recovering a lost article; R. PRITCHARD for exceptional courtesy, and J. McNIFF for his exceptional courtesy...While we Chicagoans are facing a cold, snowy winter, Pensioner LARS PEARSON is catching trout. He and his better half, ANNA, send their regards to all...Pensioner JOHN BYDON passed away, and Operator H. P. HANSEN lost his mother, BERTHA, on November 11. We extend our sympathy to these families and to the families of those who have passed on. Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you that where I am, there ye may be also.".. My thanks to those of you who sent me the lovely Christmas cards. . . Pensioner VIGGO WINDFELD and his spouse, ZORA, vacationed at Fort Lauderdale, Florida...We received a note from Pensioner BARNEY and JOSEPHINE CALLAHAN who are well, and kindly told us how much they enjoy the column...A great big HELLO to everyone from the Inner Sanctum. January 1 was more than just New Year's day to a lot of people. To Supervisor CONNIE O'SHEA it meant that he could hang up his uniform and not have to worry about getting up early every morning to go to work. After many, many years of faithful service, he can sit back and just watch the world go by his door. There's going to be another rocking chair right next to Connie's, and it will belong to EDDIE LYNCH. Eddie was a former trainman and custodian at North Avenue, but his last few months were spent at Kedzie Station. Good luck to both of you, and be sure to stop in anytime you're in the neighborhood...We know a gal that gave New Year's day an awful lot of competition by just being born on that day. We mean KATHY MOSER, the daughter of Superintendent BILL MOSER of Archer. Her dad brought the month to a close by being born on the 31st (not both in the same year, of course)... Another fellow who claims January as the month he was born is Instructor (and maker of old-time orange crate pushmobiles) MARVIN KOCAR. January 20 is the day, and I'm willing to bet that those three girls of his will have baked a cake that's out of this world. All of us in the office here at North Avenue can vouch for the baking ability of the feminine members of the Kocar family. Happy birthday to the three of you, Kathy, Bill and Marvin. Be sure and have many more. We also extend belated greetings to Clerk JACK HESTER whose birthday was in November... The day of the big merger was November 11 and there were great festivities to celebrate an event on Chicago's far South Side. That was the day that Clerk RICHARD WEATHERSBY and BEVERLY SIVELS said, "I do." We wish both of you many years of happiness. We would have had a picture of this happy young couple if Richard hadn't forgotten it...Operator FRANK SMITH and his wife, JOYCE, want everyone to know that their family has increased with the birth of a little girl, ERICA ANNE, who weighed 7 pounds 11 ounces when she arrived on November 11, 1971. That's an awful lot of 7-11's in addition to being her maternal grandmother's birthday..."Thanks for a job well done." That's what Transit Board Chairman M. CAFFERTY, Assistant Superintendent of Operating Stations GIBES, and Superintendent KEAG told all the North Avenue operators at the third quarter safety awards presentation. We noticed the many smiling faces of the winners of those certificates that are as good as money at your favorite food mart...If some of you fellows happen to be cruising down the street a little bit hot and you pass the radio car of Supervisor SALVATORE PERCE, don't be surprised if he jumps out of the car and chases you on foot. He's amongst the top joggers that keep in trim over at the Austin YMCA. Jogging not only keeps you healthy, but also helps to keep the pounds down. Keep up the good work, Sal...Then there was this little old lady who boarded the Suggestion Bus while it was on a North Side corner. After being shown the different types of seats and wall coverings, she was asked her preference. Her answer was: "Seats, walls, what do I care, I came for a chest X-ray."..On the recent clerk's pick we lost our great story teller, BOB WITTENBERG. For the next six months he'll give HERB SCHMIDT a lot of competition at Forest Glen. There'll be some new faces holding down some of the relief jobs here at North Avenue. ..Our deepest sympathy is extended to the following families on the recent loss of their loved ones: Operator ALFRED AGUAYO whose sudden passing was a great shock to all of us who knew him; Operator CHESTER ELKE and Dispatcher HERBERT ELKE in the loss of their brother, HERMAN; Clerk BOB WITTENBERG in the loss of his

PICTURED HERE while having dinner to celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary are Mr. and Mrs. EUGENE A. CIARDULLO, Congress Rapid Transit Maintenance Terminal.

HERE IS little SHAWN RICHARD POWERS, the grandson of retired Superintendent of Surface Operations JOSEPH J. HEMZACEK. The proud parents are RONALD and CAROL POWERS.

brother, BILL; Supervisor RAY DOWDLE, District D, in the loss of his mother; Operator H. HANSEN in the loss of his mother; Operator RAMIREZ in the loss of his uncle; Retired Custodian PAT KERWIN, and last, but not least, to the family of Retired Clerk JIMMY RITTENBERG of Archer. It was 23 years ago that I first made Jim's acquaintance when we both worked for the Chicago Motor Coach company at Wilcox Garage. He was liked by everyone that knew or worked with him. We'll all miss him...A word to the wise: Valentine's day is just around the corner. Don't forget it and you'll stay out of the dog house...See you all purty soon.

*- William Miedema & Walter Bliz*

**NORTH PARK -**

Hope you all had a happy New Year. May you all find 1972 to be healthy, happy and prosperous...Operator SIDNEY HUTNICK and his wife, SUE, vacationed throughout Florida. A highlight of the trip was a visit with Pensioner JACK and WANDA KRAUSE of Miami Beach. The Krauses, who were gracious hosts, would like to send holiday greetings to their many Chicago friends. Next on the agenda was an overnight stop with Pensioner PAT DOHERTY and his wife, FRAN, of Bonita Springs, then over to see Pensioner CHARLES KERR and his wife, ANN. Sidney and Pat, along with Operator ART JANZ, went on a fishing excursion and came back with a collection of red snappers, groupers and snook. Sid and Sue then boarded the Bohene to Puerto Rico. ..Operator RICHARD GUSTAFSON and his wife, MERCEDES, vacationed in New Orleans, Louisiana, and Biloxi, Mississippi. Points of interest visited were Brennen's restaurant, Pete Fountain's night club, Pat O'Brien's, and they took a tour through the hurricane area at Gulfport, Mississippi...Operator BILL HODGSON and his wife, LORRAINE, vacationed throughout Florida. Points of interest visited were Fort Lauderdale, St. Petersburg, and Naples. Returning home the Hodgsons stopped off at the Smoky Mountains. . . Operator ANDY HOLZMAN and his wife, MARY, spent ten days visiting their son, ROBERT, who lives in Fort Smith, Arkansas. The Holzmans enjoyed a visit at the winery located in Altus, Arkansas; a trip to the Boston Mountains, and several rounds of golf at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas...Operator STERLING O'NAN and his wife, BETTY, flew on a DC8 to Atlanta, Georgia, to visit Sterling's brother, HARRY, and his wife, LYDIA, where they all attended a Georgia Walking Horse Banquet. Renting a car, the O'Nans drove to Orlando, Florida, where they visited Disney World. Next on the agenda was a trip to Tampa to visit the Bay and Busch Gardens. Returning by car to Atlanta, the O'Nans flew home on a 747 to climax a wonderful vacation...CARL THELIN, his wife, BARBARA, and their seven children were guests at the home of his father, Operator HENRY THELIN, and mother, HARRIET. Carl, who is a staff sergeant in the U.S. air force, had been stationed in England and has been transferred to Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma, where he will be working as a specialist in electronics and radar. . . Operator JAMES HALL is still hospitalized at Swedish Covenant hospital for observation, while Operator HAROLD KING underwent open heart surgery at Loyola Medical center. Our prayers are with these two gentlemen for a fast recovery... Operator JAMES McWILLIAMS was recently honored by the City of Chicago with the Chicago Medal of Merit from Mayor Daley, the CTA's Chairman's Award, and a citizens award from the 17th District Police Community Workshop. James apprehended and subdued a youth who grabbed a woman who alighted from his bus and held him until police arrived... Congratulations to Operator ROOSEVELT ECKLES who recently was the runner-up in the C.Y.O. boxing tournament in the open 175-pound division, held at St. Andrew's gym... Operator EMIL HOCUK became a father when his wife, SUSAN, presented him with a son named BRIAN ANDREW, born November 17 at Grant hospital weighing 7 pounds 4 ounces... Pensioner BILL SEIFERT recently purchased a home in California. Bill's new address is 9939 Pescadero avenue, Southgate, California 90280. Bill invites his many Chicago friends to drop him a line or stop in for a visit if they are out his way...Pensioner VIC MISETIC was a recent visitor at the depot and enjoyed visiting his many friends... Operator CHARLES KEMP and his son, GARY, bagged their limit of rabbit and pheasant while hunting at Kirksville, Illinois...Clerk HELMUT STANKEVICIUS was married November 27 to Miss CHRIS RUTKOWSKI in St. Bruno Catholic church. The reception was held at the Golden Age restaurant with 200 guests attending. The young couple honeymooned in Tucson, Arizona, and will reside in Forest Park, Illinois...Operator WILLIAM OCIEPKA was married January 8 to Miss MARY ELLEN POCRNICH in St. Mattius church. The reception was held at the Catina Jolly club and was attended by 225 guests. The young couple honeymooned at Acapulco, Mexico, and will live on the North Side... Retiring January 1 were Operator WILLIS SNODGRASS, 34 years; GLEN DE WAR, 30 years; ALBERT SEIGEL, 29 years, and JOHN KACZAR, 20 years. We at North Park take this opportunity to wish these fine gentlemen many years of happiness in their golden years of leisure living...Our sympathy is extended to the family of Pensioner THOMAS O'HARA; Operator JOE JONES in the loss of his son, and PAUL CEROTZKE in the loss of his beloved wife, ELEANOR.

The North Park Credit Union annual business meeting was held on Friday, January 7, at River Park Fieldhouse. Dividends were declared and refreshments served. There were also drawings for door prizes...The Sambruca club dinner dance was held on Saturday, October 30, at the Chateau Royale. Operator PAT SCIORTINO, who was chairman of this fine event, would like to add his thanks to the many CTA families who patronized this event...Enjoying a five-day golfing holiday at Biloxi, Mississippi, was Operator ALVIN BLOOMQUIST and his wife, BETTY. Alvin reports that the scores were bad, but the meals and entertainment were great...Operator MARVIN SALMANOFF and his wife, ETHELYN, along with Operator ED HUTH and his

wife, LILLIE, drove to California on their vacations. The Huths visited their new grandchild while there and returned home by train. The Salmanoffs visited Los Angeles, San Diego, and returned home via Yuma, Arizona, and Las Cruces...Operator HENRY SCHRAMM and his wife, ELIZABETH, drove to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where they boarded the U.S.S. Spartan and sailed across the lake to Ludington, Michigan. The Schramms followed the Michigan shore line to Muskegon and stayed overnight at Toledo, Ohio. The next stop on the agenda was at Mansfield, Ohio, to visit Henry's sister, Mrs. ELIZABETH HETLER...Pensioner JOE EIFFES returned from a month's stay at Clearwater, Florida, where his sister resides. Joe is seriously thinking of selling his property here and moving to Florida...Mrs. ETHEL SMITH of Brisbane, Australia, enjoyed a six-month stay at the home of Operator WALTER MODZESKI and his wife, DORIS, who is the daughter of Mrs. Smith. She was very impressed with the American scene and expects to return soon for another visit...Second Lieutenant JOHN STEINBEISS and his wife, VICKIE, were home to spend the Christmas Holidays with his father, Instructor WALTER STEINBEISS, and his wife, MARY. John, who was a bus operator at North Park, is stationed at Mather Air Force base where he is a navigator...MONICA and DEBORAH AYOTTE, the daughters of Operator ROGER AYOTTE, were the winners of two more musical contests. Monica won first prize in the organ group, while Debbie won first prize in the piano competition at Geneva, Illinois. Both girls were also winners at the Illinois State Fair where Debbie gained an outstanding award. . . Operators ULISES RUIZ and SIDNEY HUTNICK got their quota of Canadian geese while hunting at Horizon marsh in Wisconsin. . . SHELDON WEINER, the son of Operator IRVING WEINER, is now the owner of three Sure Save drug stores, located at Irving and Damen; Chicago and Ashland, and Lincoln and Belmont. Sheldon invites all CTA employees to come in and receive a special discount card at the pharmacy department of the above locations...The following operators have been off sick for a considerable time and a card or visit would be appreciated: FRED STOWELL, DALE GILMER, LARRY SHIELDS, and FRANK WEISHAAR...Operator LEO HARA suffered a broken ankle recently while running for a bus and will be off two or three months...TIM SEDIN, the son of Operator HAROLD and SOPHIA SEDIN, was married on Saturday, October 23, to Miss REGINA GORISCHEK at St. Matthias Catholic church. The reception was held at the Lincolnwood Legion hall and was attended by 200 guests. The young couple honeymooned in Florida and will be making their home on the Northwest Side of Chicago...Retiring December 1 after 43 years of service was Operator WILLIAM STINESPRING. Bill and his wife, DOLLY, plan to travel. Their first trip will be to Wilkie, Saskatchewan, Canada, to do some fishing and check on some property that Bill owns...Also retiring on December 1 were Operator ROBERT BROWN with 29 years and IRVING MOSKOWITZ with 28 years of service. Our best wishes go to these fine gentlemen in their future golden years of living...Happy anniversaries are extended to the following: Pensioner WILLIAM STINESPRING and his wife, DOLLY, their 42nd; Pensioner MIKE PARK and his wife, GLADYS, their 18th; Operator LEO HARA and his wife, ANN, their 35th; Operator JESSE GILMORE and his wife, ROSE, their 15th; Operator JOHN WAIT and his wife, LUCILLE, their 33rd; Operator SAM BAKER and his wife, HELEN, their 31st; Operator ALLEN LICHTER and his wife, JUDY, their 12th; Operator IRVING WEINER and his wife, IDA, their 41st; Instructor WALTER STEINBEISS and his wife, MARY, their 35th; Operator SIDNEY HUTNICK and his wife, SUSAN, their 30th; Operator BUCKY WALTERS and his wife, DORCAS, their 35th; Operator ELY PESTINE and his wife, RUTH, their 39th; Operator SAM POSNER and his wife, ETHEL, their 33rd; Operator JOHN EISELT and his wife, LOUISE, their 14th; Operator DAVE ARREGUIN and his wife, THERESA, their 15th; Operator JIM HALL and his wife, VIRGINIA, their 21st; Operator BILL HODGSON and his wife, LORRY, their 22nd; Pensioner WALTER LINDEMANN and his wife, ELEANOR, their 44th, and Pensioner LARRY BENNETT and his wife, JULIA, their 31st...Happy birthdays are extended to the following: Supervisor GEORGE HAND, Operators PETE MARCHISOTTO, MEL HORNING, HAROLD ANDERSCHAT, and CARL SANDBERG, Pensioners ROY LEMKE and TOM CONROY, MERVA HAND, JIM KURCZEWSKI, DEBORAH and MONICA AYOTTE, BARBARA ANDERSCHAT, WILLIAM and TAMMY RAY, Clerk JOE DI GIOVANNI, Operator TIM MOYNIHAN, Mrs. EULALIE DOWEY, and Mrs. MARY HOLZMAN...Our sympathy and condolences are extended to the family of Pensioner LOUIS WALKER; Receiver ROBERT WITTENBERG in the loss of his mother, Mrs. WITTENBERG, and to Clerk WILBERT GERRISH in the loss of his mother, Mrs. CLARA GERRISH...Repair Department Chit Chat: On vacations at this time are GENE BRACH, DONALD SPARKS, and WALTER HALLFORD... Congratulations to our new repairmen, JAMES MAGIAGUERRA and AL GUTANSKY, on their promotions from servicemen...Repairmen FRANK SCHENDL and ROBERT BOND who have been off sick for a long spell are sorely missed at the garage. The prayers of the men are with them for a fast return...Foreman PHIL O'CONNOR would like to take this opportunity to thank his men for the fine job they are doing in keeping the equipment clean and rolling efficiently...Also a glad hand to Utility Chauffeurs DICK MURPHY, JOHN MILLER, JIM PAULSON, and GENE HILL for the fine job they are doing with their Diamond Reo emergency truck on the many street and emergency calls they are called upon to make. . . Repairman WAYNE ROSE became a father for the first time when his wife, SHEILA, gave birth to a daughter named MELANIE, born November 14 at American hospital weighing 7 pounds 6 ounces...Serviceman FRED NEWMAN was graduated with honors from the combination clerk training program he completed at South Shops. . . Relief Clerk JOHN BILLUPS replaced Clerk EARNIE LOTITO who enjoyed a Christmas week vacation, and did his usual fine job in keeping the records straight...Instructor WALTER HALLFORD at this writing is hospitalized at Swedish Covenant hospital for observation, and prayers for a clean bill of health go to Wally...Repairman JIMMY MARTIN retired December 31 after 30 years of service and was honored with a gift and

BRAVING SLEET, snow, and an icy turnpike, 52nd Street Operator JOHN and RUTH MARSHALL recently traveled to Arlington, Virginia, for the birth of this little bundle of joy, MELANEE ALYCE ALEXANDER, their first grandchild.

# recent deaths

HENRY H. ALTSCHULER, 77, Skokie Shops,
Emp. 11-17-16, Died 10-18-71
OTTO J. ALTWASSER, 89, Way & Structures,
Emp. 3-27-43, Died 11-27-71
CLARENCE ANDERSON, 51, South Shops,
Emp. 8-25-51, Died 11-30-71
ERIC ANDREASON, 69, Electrical,
Emp. 9-29-43, Died 10-8-71
JOHN ANDRICH, 83, 61st Street,
Emp. 3-20-43, Died 10-8-71
STANLEY I. BERGREN, 69, Forest Glen,
Emp. 3-17-25, Died 10-16-71
THEODORE BENNETT, 25, Archer,
Emp. 11-17-69, Died 12-16-71
JULIUS J. BOCCIO, 65, Track,
Emp. 3-9-25, Died 10-8-71
ROBERT E. BROWN, 74, 61st Street,
Emp. 7-23-20, Died 10-18-71
CLARENCE A. BRUHN, 71, Forest Glen,
Emp. 10-18-33, Died 10-24-71
FRANK A. BURD, 72, 77th Street,
Emp. 9-9-25, Died 10-2-71
JACK BURKE, 43, Central District,
Emp. 3-2-64, Died 11-14-71
JOHN F. BURNES, 69, Util. & Emerg. Service,
Emp. 4-10-34, Died 11-9-71
ROGER J. CAMPION, 77, 77th Street,
Emp. 7-12-23, Died 11-8-71
JOHN M. CANNON, 86, Devon,
Emp. 2-27-20, Died 10-12-71
HERMAN CLAUSSEN, 82, 77th Street,
Emp. 8-2-11, Died 11-11-71
WILLIAM M. COLLANDER, 79, West Section,
Emp. 4-15-26, Died 10-16-71
PATRICK J. COLLINS, 90, Archer,
Emp. 6-29-09, Died 11-21-71
JAMES E. CONNOLLY, 84, 69th Street,
Emp. 5-5-21, Died 10-19-71
CHARLES CONRAD, 65, Forest Glen,
Emp. 8-24-37, Died 11-25-71
LEO C. DHOOGHE, 52, Kimball,
Emp. 8-8-45, Died 12-4-71
JOSEPH DISCIPIO, 81, Track,
Emp. 7-27-16, Died 10-19-71
GLEN J. DONNELLY, 64, North Section,
Emp. 3-1-29, Died 11-11-71
HUGH DORAN, 90, Utility,
Emp. 6- -03, Died 11-22-71
JOHN P. FALSEY, 68, Beverly,
Emp. 10-7-26, Died 10-19-71
KATHERINE FERRY, 94, North Section,
Emp. 7-9-28, Died 10-8-71
WILLIAM E. FLOWERS, 69, Skokie Shops,
Emp. 8-10-31, Died 10-9-71
JOHN FORGIE, 74, 77th Street,
Emp. 3-5-23, Died 10-15-71
PATRICK J. GANLEY, 77, South Section,
Emp. 12-16-13, Died 9-24-71
GEORGE O. GIRAUD, 68, Police,
Emp. 7-29-29, Died 10-14-71
HENRY W. GLANDER, 83, Elston,
Emp. 4-14-10, Died 11-21-71
CHARLES A. GRAVES, 74, Lake Street,
Emp. 7-23-43, Died 11-18-71
JOSEPH GUCCIONE, 85, Track,
Emp. 8-28-29, Died 11-14-71
CARMEN GUIDO, 73, Limits,
Emp. 10-14-41, Died 10-1-71
JOSEPH J. HAUG, 70, 69th Street,
Emp. 3-3-24, Died 10-30-71
ANDREW HOSKINS, 84, Track,
Emp. 9-11-30, Died 9-19-71
AUGUST K. JABLONSKI, 82, South Shops,
Emp. 3-9-25, Died 10-22-71
WALTER JOGERST, 64, South Section,
Emp. 6-4-34, Died 11-18-71
GEORGE JOHNSON, 88, Armitage,
Emp. 4-12-10, Died 10-21-71
GEORGE A. JOHNSON, 66, North Avenue,
Emp. 2-8-28, Died 10-18-71

party at the garage...JEFFERY PLUTA, the son of Repairman TERRY PLUTA, celebrated his first birthday and received a new pacifier from his proud daddy...A hearty welcome is extended to Serviceman WILLIAM RAFFERTY... Enjoying vacations at this time are the following: JAMES MARTIN, BOB JOHNSON, FRANK CIONE, FRANK SIBLEY, PAUL SCHREVES, FRANK FULTON, GEORGE SERRITELLA and GENE DRZEWISKI.

*- Melvin Horning*

**NORTH SECTION -**

By the time this issue hits the presses, the Christmas holidays will be almost forgotten, and another new year will be in full swing. We hope that everyone had a wonderful and joyous holiday...Motorman FRED LOEBBAKA has returned to work after having a heart attack, and would like to thank everyone for the get well cards and phone calls while he was in St. Francis hospital...Our condolences are extended to the family of Motorman ED WILIEKO in the death of his mother, and to the family of Clerk ORLANDO MENNICCUCI in the death of his father-in-law...Welcome to Howard Street office to MARY GALLON, temporary replacement secretary, while Secretary MARY FLORENCE McDONOUGH is on a leave of absence...Birthday greetings to Collector JOE GOLDBERG and his wife, who celebrated their birthdays on November 21 and 23, respectively. Also to Clerk ANDREW CROUT, Agents DOREEN HORN, MYRTLE OTT, DORTHEA DAVIS, and Supervisor BOB THOMAS...Congratulations to Superintendent of Agents and Janitors JOHN BRUCKER and his wife on their 30th wedding anniversary. The Bruckers celebrated by going to the circus and to dinner at Millers Pub. Congratulations also to Agent GERDA MATTHEWS and her husband, BILL; may they all have many more years of wedded bliss. Your scribe and her husband, GEORGE, had their tenth anniversary on November 22...On November 6 your scribe and her husband, George, became proud grandparents for the first time when 6 pound 14 ounce RICHARD ALAN was born. The proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. STEPHEN HENKE... Our condolences are extended to the family of Superintend-

# among employes

JOHN T. KELLY, 88, 69th Street,
Emp. 3-29-22, Died 10-26-71
MICHAEL KELLY, 72, Limits,
Emp. 1-3-36, Died 11-23-71
LEONARD T. KING, 75, South Section,
Emp. 8-13-23, Died 9-4-71
JOSEPH P. KOUKOL, 91, Lawndale,
Emp. 1-2-04, Died 10-4-71
PATRICK LENEHAN, 93, Kedzie,
Emp. 8-22-11, Died 9-10-71
THOMAS P. LOFTUS, 70, District D,
Emp. 4-3-25, Died 11-27-71
JOSEPH MAGLICA, 78, Track,
Emp. 6-17-43, Died 10-26-71
WILLIAM McEVILLY, 59, Office Services,
Emp. 7-2-57, Died 12-22-71
THOMAS McGRATH, 86, 77th Street,
Emp. 7-2-08, Died 11-17-71
JOSEPH D. McNAMARA, 78, Devon,
Emp. 10-31-27, Died 11-5-71
ROBERT MILOYEVICH, 85, Elston,
Emp. 7- -04, Died 10-27-71
TIMOTHY MURPHY, 75, Kedzie,
Emp. 3-1-23, Died 10-16-71
WILLIAM F. NAUGHTON, 82, Kedzie,
Emp. 9-18-37, Died 10-18-71
JOHN E. O'HARA, 80, Track,
Emp. 10-19-23, Died 11-10-71
JOHN V. OLINSKI, 71, West Section,
Emp. 2-6-56, Died 11-24-71
FEDERICO PATRINO, 82, Track,
Emp. 3-13-26, Died 10-13-71
EDWARD C. PRUEMER, 66, 69th Street,
Emp. 11-8-40, Died 11-3-71
CHARLES W. RILEY, 70, South Shops,
Emp. 8-28-18, Died 11-20-71
JAMES J. RITTENBERG, 67, Lawndale,
Emp. 3-24-41, Died 11-1-71
JOSEPH M. ROESER, 95, North Section,
Emp. 8-21-99, Died 10-20-71
EUGENE G. SARTI, 65, Limits,
Emp. 7-8-43, Died 11-13-71
PHILIP J. SHANAHAN, 81, Devon,
Emp. 3-2-23, Died 10-28-71
CHARLES SHREEVE, 58, Engineering Technician,
Emp. 2-1-36, Died 12-6-71
GOLDSMITH SHUMAC, 48, West Section,
Emp. 8-17-53, Died 12-25-71
JOHN J. SLADEK, 78, West Shops,
Emp. 7-8-26, Died 10-16-71
HARRY SODERQUIST, 74, Skokie Shops,
Emp. 4-7-20, Died 10-20-71
ALOYSIUS SPILLMAN, 61, 77th Street,
Emp. 3-1-44, Died 12-1-71
THOMAS J. STANNEY, 81, Blue Island,
Emp. 1-5-21, Died 10-1-71
GEORGE G. STILLWELL, 66, Forest Glen,
Emp. 12-10-28, Died 11-11-71
WASILY SUBOTKA, 82, Skokie Shops,
Emp. 9-2-19, Died 10-23-71
STANLEY F. SUCHECKI, 74, West Section,
Emp. 7-21-27, Died 10-9-71
FRANK SWEENEY, 63, North Avenue,
Emp. 1-22-43, Died 11-27-71
PAUL R. THIENPONT, 87, Kedzie,
Emp. 2-15-08, Died 11-26-71
MICHAEL TLSTOVIC, 75, West Shops,
Emp. 7-2-29, Died 10-14-71
WALTER J. TREW, 79, South Division,
Emp. 12-11-16, Died 10-28-71
PATRICK J. VANAUSDELN, 71, North Park,
Emp. 6-28-27, Died 11-8-71
ARTHUR E. VAN MOFFAERT, 70, Lawndale,
Emp. 3-1-66, Died 11-6-71
JOHN C. WHELTON, 82, Kedzie,
Emp. 4-8-15, Died 11-28-71
ANDREW WILSON, 61, 69th Street,
Emp. 3-21-45, Died 12-21-71
CHESTER ZAKE, 56, Utility,
Emp. 6-14-46, Died 12-31-71

ent ROBERT SUTA in the death of his brother-in-law, and to the family of Superintendent BILL LIMANOWSKI in the death of his father-in-law...Many of the North Section agents were saddened to hear of the recent death of Retired Assignment Clerk MARGARET QUEENAN...Agent BERTHA ATKINSON wishes to thank her friends for their kindness and retirement dinner at Math Iglers. After her retirement Bertha went to Wisconsin for two weeks. Agent T. IRWIN also retired recently and we wish the two of them a long happy retirement...Agent TOM QUINLAN is still on the sick list, as is Supervisor HARRY HORN and his wife, DOREEN, and Agents ED OLSEN and AUDRA ANDERSON... Agent BARBARA COLWELL is in training for a clerk position in the assignment office...Agent LILLY WILLIS recently underwent spinal surgery and we wish her a speedy recovery. Lilly wishes to thank everyone for the cards she received...Motorman WILLIAM MORLEY retired on December 1; we wish him a long and happy retirement...The North Section was saddened by the sudden death of Conductor LEO DHOOGHE, Kimball, who passed away. To Leo's family goes our heart-felt sympathy...Agent PEARL LANOFF wishes to extend her sincere thanks and appreciation to all her friends who expressed sympathy in the death of her husband...Pensioner HERBERT LEAVITT, 81, formerly of Howard Street, is presently in Three Oaks Nursing home, 500 Asbury, Room 120, Evanston, Illinois 60201. Word has it that he isn't feeling well and a card from some of his friends may help him along.

- *Tina Henke*

**OPERATIONS (Transportation) -**

On December 1 ANDY STOLTMAN and RUDY HAAS, information clerks, began their retirements. Now they will both be able to relax and enjoy themselves and not have to worry about getting up early in the morning. Coffee and cake was served in their honor at an open house. We wish them a very happy retirement...RALPH W. TRACY went on an annual deer hunt to Exland, Wisconsin. He had some luck and shot a very nice buck, but couldn't brag about it because his son, RANDY, did a little bit better. He got a

10 point buck at 400 yards with only a peep sight on his rifle. His shot was a dandy. There was about 10 inches of snow on the ground and it snowed every day they were there. Congratulations to the successful hunters...AUDREY PETERSON and her husband, HOWARD, traveled south for their vacation. They stopped at many places, especially in Florida, namely St. Augustine, which they found quaint and beautiful, Clearwater, St. Petersburg, Cypress Gardens and Busch Gardens with the marvelous bird show. They spent some time in Seminole, Florida, with some friends, GRACE, a former CTA employee, and her husband, ARNOLD. A stop at Disney World was a must and they enjoyed it very much. They went to many very nice restaurants and saw many other sights. The coloring of the scenery on the return trip was absolutely beautiful. It was a wonderful three-week vacation.

**(Equipment Research & Development) -**

Welcome to MITCHELL P. KITZMAN who transferred from Shops & Equipment. We are happy to have you with us...Congratulations to MILTON MARDOIAN who recently became chairman of the Chicago section of the Society of Automotive Engineers.

**(Traffic Planning) -**

BILL WINTERS and his wife went on their annual trip to Florida. They drove to Miami Beach where they went swimming, sunning, fishing and just relaxing. They also took in the Jai Alai games. While in Florida they spent a good deal of time with their friends and on the way home decided to stop at Disney World. They must have enjoyed it because his description of the place was one word, fantastic. They had a great time, as usual, and Bill had the sun tan to prove it.

**(Utility and Emergency Service) -**

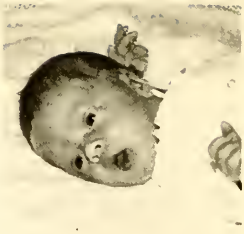
On November 1 ROLAND RENTZ retired from CTA. His fellow workers had a little party for him which was also attended by JOE MULREE, ELMER FEHLHABER, WALTER JOHNSON, and CHARLES and PETE BELASICH. We wish Roland a very happy retirement...TRULS RUSING, a retiree, moved to Willow Lakes Estate in Elgin for a little peace and quiet and ED SLAMP moved to Rosemont so he could hear the planes landing and taking off from O'Hare. Ed says it does wonders for the TV. We are happy to see that RON MENDYK has returned to work from a disability pension. It's sure good to know you're feeling better, and nice to have you back with us...Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. JAMES ROCHE who celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary on November 5, with a quiet evening at home...A few of the people on recent vacations were HAROLD FELTZ, STANLEY LUPINA, GENE SPROVIERI, FRANK ZBROSKEWICH, ROBERT POELLNITZ and HOWARD McMILLAN, none of whom would say where they went, but had a good time...Our sympathy is extended to the family of Pensioner JOHN BURNS who recently passed away.

*- Colette Szczepanek*

**PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -**

ROBERT McCARTHY, the son of BOB McCARTHY, Purchasing, was again selected for the all-conference team in his division. Robert attends Immaculate Conception High school, the co-champs with Marist High school in the Suburban Catholic Conference. Robert also received his certificate as an Illinois State Scholar. Congratulations, Robert, these are two fine accomplishments...LEE DeSUTTER and her husband, FRANK, are back from their five-week vacation at Lauderdale by the Sea, Florida. While there, they visited Retiree ED DEVINE and his wife, CARIE, who joined them for "Happy Hour", and Pensioner JACK and WANDA KRAUSE. They also received a surprise visit from their granddaughter, TAMMY. Lee tells us they had such a good time that they have already made their reservations for next year...JILL MISE, Specifications, has just bought herself a new Buick Grand Sport. The car is fire red with white interior and a vinyl top. Jill tells us that it was made especially for a GM showing and is one of a kind. ..BOB PEIPER, Stores, spent part of his vacation visiting his two grandsons, MATT and DAVID, who live with their parents on an army base near Boston, where their father is stationed as a major and an army doctor...A surprise Thanksgiving gift was received by your co-reporter, CECILIA TRUCCO, who became engaged to RICHARD PARENTI on November 24. They have set a wedding date in June, 1973...Co-reporter JOHN GILL and his wife, ANNETTE, weren't content with just two daughters, so now they have three daughters and a son. On December 10 at 7:15 a.m. PATRICK BERNARD, weighing 7 pounds 2 ounces, and MONICA KATHLEEN, weighing 5 pounds 10 ounces, were born. The proud grandfather is PATRICK GILL of the Building Department. Both Annette and the twins are doing fine. Good luck to the SIX OF YOU!..We'd like to thank ED DEVINE, formerly of Purchasing, for his lovely Christmas wishes for all of us. Ed is now living in Pompano Beach, Florida...Condolences were extended to GEORGE MIKOTA, Stores, in the death of his mother...Storeroom 42 extends the welcome mat to RICHARD WEATHERSBY, who replaced JIM ZAZULA as a stock clerk. Jim transferred to the shops department...PAUL JANKOWSKI, Storeroom 43, tells us that he is still anticipating his wedding day, which is planned for June 10...JOHN SPRINGER returned after being confined to bed for two weeks with a throat infection. John told us that he couldn't wait to get back to work. Hope you are feeling better, John...JOHN PERRY JONES has been promoted to stock clerk I, Storeroom 30, and reports that he is very happy with his new job.

*- Cecilia Trucco & John Gill*



THIS LITTLE fellow is JEFFREY RICHARD RUSINAK, the four-month old son of RICHARD RUSINAK, Engineering Department, and his wife, KAREN. Jeffrey has two grandfathers with CTA, EMIL RUSINAK, Tabulating Department, and GEORGE STREICH, Area 318, South Shops, who are mighty proud of him.

**RAPID TRANSIT MAINTENANCE TERMINALS -**

Congratulations to DONNA LABELLARTE, the daughter of J. LABELLARTE, Congress, on her coronation as homecoming queen for Proviso West High school...Congratulations are also in line for the JOHN CANNELLAS, Congress, who celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary...A hearty

welcome back to GEORGE MICHAUD, 61st Street, who had been off work after a long illness...Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to BOB CURRAN, 61st Street...A big thanks to SIDNEY NETTLES and BILL SPARKS, 61st Street; all the boys at 61st enjoyed a delicious pheasant Christmas dinner. Sid and Bill are avid weekend hunters... Glad to hear that Mrs. KASPERS, the wife of ABEL KASPERS, 61st Street, is at home and recuperating from her operation...AL LAURAS, 61st Street, spent his vacation moving into his new home and getting things ready for the holidays...Also enjoying a holiday vacation were W. BROWN and J. MOLLY, 61st Street. JOHN ANTONUCCI, 61st Street, spent a one-week vacation trying to do last-minute gift shopping...Best wishes from all the boys at 61st Street to FRANK PICKETT who transferred to Dan Ryan...After 19 years of service, MIKE ROSSIN, Kimball, retired on December 1. "Coffee-and" was held for Mike to say goodbye to all his friends. JOHN WIERCIOCH, Kimball, started the new year off with a bang by bringing his 42-year career with the company to an end. John, one of the first retirees for the year, retired on January 1. Best wishes to both Mike and John for continued health and happiness in the years to come...Enjoying year-end vacations were CLARENCE EUGENE and GUS SMEROS, Kimball... GEORGE NICHOLSON, Dan Ryan, spent his vacation trying to bag a deer for Christmas. George did not know that all those reindeer were needed to pull Santa's sleigh...A holiday vacation was enjoyed by R. DAVIS, Dan Ryan...CTA American Legion Post 1216 held its annual Christmas party on December 12 at St. Rita Knights of Columbus hall. Santa was present with gifts and toys for all to make sure everyone had a good time. A big thank you from all to those who planned the wonderful party...Belated congratulations to all the men at Forest Park Shop on winning the S&E Employee Safety Contest for the third quarter. The men turned in a perfect record for the period. Joining in the festivities were CHARLES KEISER, GEORGE CLARK, and JOE BOLECH. After the speeches and presentation of a plaque to Shop Foreman AARON SWOOPE, a raffle was held with prizes going to ED WITKOWSKI and AL CRAWFORD. Everyone had such a good time the boys are all trying for the award for the next quarter...Wishes for years of enjoyment are sent to R. SCHEIRE, Congress, on the purchase of his new home and Chevy Nova, and also to C. TUCKNOTT, Congress, on the recent purchase of a Chevy Nova...Enjoying an added two-week vacation is D. LASIEWICZ, Congress, who was called for jury duty...Glad to see G. GRILLAERT, Congress, back at work after being on the sick list for five weeks...Be careful of your approach to NELLO PARRILLO, Congress. Nello is taking judo lessons... Cheers to CTA #2 bowling team: J. McDONOUGH, M. KEATING, C. TUCKNOTT, D. VANTOR, and A. PECHOLAS, who are only six points out of first place.

*- Ray Brzezek*

**SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -**

GEORGE JOHANNES is sporting a new air-conditioned 1972 Impala... Mr. and Mrs. J. FITZGERALD flew to Miami, Florida, for their vacation...E. WROBEL is back to work after a short stay in the hospital...Mr. and Mrs. C. KEELER flew to Tampa, Florida, where they spent Thanksgiving day with their friends...Pensioner JAY KELLY paid the office a visit and said they are moving to Sunset City, Arizona. Pensioner W. P. DEVEREUX also stopped by to visit us. Both look very good and are enjoying retirement very much...WALLY THOMAS and his wife drove to Colorado to spend Thanksgiving day with their daughter and son-in-law...GEORGE HANUS and his wife drove to Florida in their new car...W. SCOTT vacationed at home for the holidays...RUTH HAVLIK, together with her sister, MARIE, of Electrical Department and another sister flew to Acapulco, Mexico, for their vacation...The department extends sympathy to E. IVY, outside checker, in the death of his father...Hope all of you have a very prosperous New Year!

*- Kathryn Batina*

**SKOKIE SHOPS -**

Our deepest sympathy is extended to EDWARD MAY, electrical worker, in the loss of his mother and sister; to LOUIS KARIOLICH, electrical worker, in the loss of his mother-in-law and father-in-law who resided in Arizona; to FRANK DEMMA, laborer, in the loss of his father, and to WALTER O'CONNELL, electrical worker, in the loss of his brother...The welcome mat is extended to DON MOTYKA, electrical worker apprentice, to Skokie Shops. DONALD HAWKINS, laborer, transferred to the Signal Department. Good luck, Don...MORTON LIBERT, tractor operator, is now home recuperating after his stay in the hospital. Hurry back, Mort. FRANK SWAIN, shopman, is also out of the hospital and resting at home. We all are hoping to see you back to work soon, Frank...GEORGE KIMMSKE, carpenter, and his wife, FRANCES, were made proud grandparents for the 13th time when little THERESA MARIE VAHURONES arrived weighing 8 pounds 9 ounces in Long Beach, California...THOMAS HOEY, electrical worker, and his wife, ANN, are the proud owners of a new Buick LeSabre. Lots of luck, Tom...We welcome PETER BARRETT, laborer, to Skokie Shops, and JAMES ZAZULA, shopman, to the S&E area...KATHY GRAYBIEL, part-time employee for the summer, made us all happy when she came into the office to say hello. These are the nice surprises, Kathy...Happy belated holiday wishes to all from your scribe.

*- Everett E. England*

**SOUTH SHOPS -**

Bay 6 would like to extend a warm welcome to ROBERT LONG, Area 344, MORTON OWRUTSKY, Area 346, and FRANK H. SHERMAN who came to Area 348 from Limits Garage...Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of CHARLIE SHREEVE, Technical Services...NICK SIMONETTI and his family spent eight unforgettable days in Rome...ROY and IRENE BOVINGTON took a 747 to Phoenix, Arizona, where they celebrated their 38th anniversary with

PICTURED HERE are Pensioner VINCENZO GARITI and his wife, VIRGINIA, who recently celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary. Vincenzo retired December 1, 1969, as a repairman at Forest Glen Station.

their son and daughter...Co-reporter ERNEST JOHNSON, Area 348, and his wife, PAULINE, were blessed with a daughter, LUTRICIA MARIE, on September 28 who weighed in at 6 pounds 8 ounces. They have another daughter, CILICIA ANN. Ernest and his family also spent a two-week vacation touring the southern states...I. KOLOUSEK, who retired last month, sent us a postcard from St. Petersburg where he is now making his home. Also there is JIM MUDRA, a retired foreman from the Upholstery Department. Jim has a beautiful resort called Alicia on the Beach, which is on the Gulf of Mexico and is covered with sugar white sand...GEORGE WALKER paid a surprise visit to the South Shops all the way from the West Indies where he makes his home. George doesn't look a day over his retirement age, and is a picture of health...Good luck to M. (Andy) ANDERSON who retired on November 1. Andy will make his home in New Port Richey...JIM LARSEN, Area 342, and his wife became the proud parents of a baby girl, CAROL LYNN, on November 27 weighing 8 pounds 3 ounces. This makes a boy and a girl for the Larsen family...Congratulations are in order for KAREN HOFFMAN who became engaged to GLENN DONDLINGER, a bus repairer in the Campaign Area...Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES GERARD, Area 348, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on December 7 by exchanging gifts and enjoying dinner at Tokar's restaurant...The annual bowling turkey shoot on November 14 was a huge success with a great turnout. TED WOSS, Machine Shop foreman, was top bowler with a 631 series. Other turkey winners were J. LASKEY, J. DZUIBA, T. GASPAROVICH, F. MAY, E. WUJTOWICZ, W. RAFFERTY, E. RADAKOVITIS and, last but not least, JAMES E. FELTZ. A big thanks goes out to Mrs. CARL LIDZBINSKI for preparation of the snacks and sandwiches served at the affair...Congratulations are in order at South Shops for two consecutive wins in the safety award contest. General Manager T. B. O'CONNOR, F. A. JOHNSON, and W. A. ASHLEY presented the awards to J. J. REPPLINGER and J. A. ROSENDHAL. There were 23 winners of Jewel/Osco gift certificates from various departments. After the presentation there were rolls and coffee for all the men in the shops. They thought they would never beat Skokie, but now that they have started they don't plan to stop. Keep up the good work for safety's sake, men!..Congratulations to JANE BURRIS, the daughter of HOWARD BURRIS, Area 348, on her marriage to WILLIAM BAILEY October 7. A reception was held at Howard's home following the wedding. Jane and William are both students in their third year at Chicago State college...TOMMY OLENICK, the son of WALLY OLENICK, foreman of Area 349, and his wife became the proud parents of a baby girl, JENNIFER LYNN, weighing 7 pounds 8 ounces. This makes two boys and one girl for Tommy and his wife and 15 grandchildren for Wally. Tommy and his wife make their home in Sunny Vale, California, where he is a sergeant in the reserves.

*- Elaine Stewart & Ernie Johnson*

**52ND STREET -**

The spotlight shines once again on our repair department, winners of their second safety award. They haven't had an accident in nine months and are shooting for a year without an accident, which will break all records and hopefully earn them an extra incentive award. I understand Superintendent of Shops & Equipment GEORGE CLARK has already promised Clerk GARNER a breakfast of ham and eggs if they do it. Now all we have to do is keep Repairmen ROLLBERG and LEVICKIS off ladders, and Amigo RIVERA from twisting an ankle or getting dust in his eyes. We were all proud and delighted at the number of dignitaries who were present at the awards presentation. Among them were: Manager of Finance P. J. MEINARDI, Superintendent of Employment and Training F. A. JOHNSON, Superintendent of Insurance W. A. ASHLEY, Supervisory Training Coordinator STU MAGINNIS, Safety Coordinator W. UNWIN, and the man responsible for getting it all together, Fire Safety Coordinator J. DUDLEY. From South Shops were: Mr. Clark, Superintendent of Shops and Garages J. J. REPPLINGER, Superintendent of Garages J. W. DAIN, Supervisor of Garages J. T. ANDERSON, T. GECAN, D. STURENFELDT, and J. PANKONEN. Assistant Day Foreman J. JOHNSON accepted the award for 52nd Street as Shop Foreman PAVELKA was off sick. Door prizes were won by Repairmen SOL BATTLES and JOHN LEVICKIS. The garage is now after the city record, then comes the State, followed by the U.S. government record. Who knows, if they go two years, they might win the world's record for safety...Our best wishes to Operator ALVIN DAVIS who retired on November 1. Davis was a very nice guy and will be missed by all of us...The clerk's pick was the same, except for J. MOORE who couldn't get his old job back...Relief Clerk RAY KOCMOUD was missing for two weeks enjoying his vacation...Operator C. HENRY is still off sick, as well as JOHN ROGERS, our No. 1 sanitary engineer, who is having difficulties recuperating from a broken ankle. His job is being handled very well by JOHN DEANE...The 52nd Street softball team didn't win the championship this summer, but a very large percentage of our ball team had more joy and happiness with new additions to their families. Just to give you an idea, here are the names of the new fathers or expectant fathers. Leading the way is our team manager, Operator and Mrs. ROBERT RILEY, a girl; Operator and Mrs. ROBERT JONES, a boy; Operator and Mrs. C. HENRY, a boy; the expectant ones are: Operator and Mrs. N. BARTON, Operator and Mrs. C. DIAL, Operator and Mrs. CARL PETTIGREW, Operator and Mrs. C. SWAIN, and Operator and Mrs. I. THOMAS. Operator ARTHUR WILLIAMS and his wife, DIANE, are the proud parents of an 8 pound baby boy named CRAIG ELLIOTT who was born on November 27. Mother and child are fine and healthy...Our belated congratulations to Operator and Mrs. WILLIAM BETTISON on the recent birth of a son. Did anyone get a cigar?..Feeling great and wearing their familiar smiles when they visited us recently were Pensioners J. P. NELSON, LAWRENCE BARNES, and SIMON SCANLAN. Their visits were enjoyed by all...Our deepest sympathy is extended to Operators W. PETERSON and L. CRUMBAUGH...The credit union's annual meeting was held on January 14. Many members were in attendance and refreshments were served and door prizes given away. President HILL presided and stated that our credit union can only be as strong as the members make it. So see TYLER M. PHILPOTT or ALVIN POTTS to increase your savings...Board Member ERNIE HILL and CHARLES O'KANE extend a hearty thanks to all at 52nd Street who participated in the recent C.O.P.E. drive. Attend your union meetings and know what's going on.

*- John L. Hudson*

**69TH STREET -**

Your reporters wish everyone a belated Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year...With all happiness usually

comes some sadness, as that which came to the family of Supervisor T. REILLY upon the loss of his mother...Pensioner JOE HAUG, former treasurer of 69th Street credit union, passed away...Our sympathy is also extended to the families of: HUGH DORAN, former service truck chauffeur; BRUNO FERET, former foreman at 69th Street and night supervisor of garages; Operator ANDY WILSON, and EDWARD PRUEMER, former repairman at 69th. They all put in many years of faithful service with the CTA and the Surface Lines...CHARLIE SHREEVE, one of our engineers, also passed away. Our deepest sympathy to his family... Congratulations to THURMOND COLLIER who has just joined the ranks of happily marrieds...EDDIE HOUSE, MIKE MORAN and DENNY PIERCE all had a good time on their vacations...BILL SCOTT has been promoted to night supervisor of garages in the Repair Department...JIMMY MALONEY recently returned from a vacation in Ireland. He visited his mother, relatives, and friends and enjoyed every moment...Former Machinist JIM BURNS has returned to Florida for the winter. DANNY LAWLOR, former bus serviceman, and DENNY GRIFFIN, former repairman, paid us a visit and it was good to see them... ERNIE TOCCI and Former Track Foreman MIKE DOLSIN were in the hospital. A speedy recovery is wished them both...We beat our accident par for November at a rate of 1½ accidents a day and that is a lot of rooneys. The coffee was great and G. D. PEYTON, J. PETROCIUS, F. ZEIGER, E. SWANSON and all the instructors say thanks to the operators and garage personnel who made it possible...Instructor O'DONNELL convinced DAKE, DONAHUE, BEHRENS, RISCH, and company to allow this scribe to pick Marquette so we could lower our accident rate. Now J. J. MONAR and I will keep all those bad actors in line. HOWE SANGER got wind of it and picked as a box puller, and is paired up with the "paper man", TIERNEY. Sorry to hear that Mrs. TIERNEY hasn't been feeling well...Now that the overtime has been cut down, some operators have been observed picking up pop bottles and papers...HANK RISCH certainly gets out of the station in a hurry these days, and is also working steady. He has a new "boss" at home and she must have laid down the law...DAKE drove to California to see his sick brother, and stayed two weeks...Senior Station Instructor E. SWANSON was hospitalized, and O'DONNELL and ROSS are awaiting his return so they can buy him coffee if he brings the goodies...Welcome aboard to our new instructor, GUTHRIE...WILSON and Instructor JOHNSON transferred from Archer...Supervisor PETE ZACHARIAS has been asked to always wear his boots and rain coat, because it never rains when he does. Pete is quite a man when it comes to tickling the keys of a piano... Clerk ROONEY wasn't the least bit mad when BIRMINGHAM and Superintendent PEYTON ate up all the Greek sausage that Sanitary Engineer ZIGGY cooked up. ROSS ate some and took his vacation. Now everyone goes without sweet rolls...It was something to see the belly-rubbing and pushing match between Instructor ROSS, O'DONNELL and DAKE in the train room. O'Donnell quit when he broke the seam in his pants and no one could pick up the pencil PEYTON dropped (nor could he)...I saw Pensioner FRANK VYZRAL, and he looks quite happy as he picks up his wife when she gets off work...JEAN HOWE almost lost the tips of his fingers when he was letting his garage door down. It hasn't slowed him down on the street, though...MICKEY YOUNG was having quite a time with his banana until his wife solved it by cutting it in half...Don't forget the credit union meeting February 18. See old friends and maybe win a prize. All members are invited to attend...We have a real good basketball team with L. HARRIS as manager and L. E. BAUGHN as coach. Players include S. MORGAN, W. T. WADE, W. ROBINSON, A. HENSON, G. TAYLOR, L. HALE, L. E. LANGHAM, T. G. COLLIER, R. E. WHEATLEY and L. HARRIS. SARGE was going to try out, but age has finally caught up with him. Now he is just good old Sarge...I promise not to go into the park, O'DONNELL, so relax, ROSS...God bless you all!

*- Art Buesing & Jimmy Ahern*

## Income tax problems?

IF YOU'RE in need of some free advice on how to complete your 1971 federal income tax return, the series of highly-informative columns reprinted by CTA Transit News might be what you're looking for. Written by a widely-quoted tax expert, the columns are too complete and informative to be condensed for Transit News. Rather, they have been reprinted in their entirety and are available by writing:

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**77TH STREET -**

We sincerely hope that each of you and your families had a very Merry Christmas, and that the new year will be a happy, prosperous one...Wedding congratulations to the following: Operator ROGER HUDSON and his bride, the former Miss JOHNELLA MAYMON; the same good wishes to Instructor JAMES THROWER and his bride, ELEANOR JEAN...Happy anniversary wishes to Operator HERSTON GANDY and his wife, TRANSELLA, who celebrated 22 years of marriage by moving into their new home...Belated anniversary wishes to Supervisor CLARENCE JUNKINS and his wife, FANNY, who celebrated 24 years of marriage in October...Operator HENRY BEATTY and his wife, CLARA, motored to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for the Thanksgiving holiday, while Operator RED MARTIN traveled to Tennessee to spend the holiday...Operator GOEFFREY BUTLER and his wife, WILMA, spent part of their vacation in Knoxville, Tennessee...Best of luck to Chief Clerk RUDY ALBRECHT, who retired January 1. The new chief clerk is TOM McGUIRE...Operator KENNY KENNARD was injured recently as the result of an automobile accident. He has now returned to work...Fellows, please remember our sick and shut-in members: Operator SAM GRAHAM suffered a heart attack, but is progressing satisfactorily; Operator JOHN COOPER was hospitalized but has returned home. A speedy recovery is our wish for them... Condolences to the family of Collector A. SPILLMAN, who passed away on December 1...Heartfelt sympathy is extended to Operator HARPER DONAHUE and his family in the untimely passing of his daughter, DARICE...The basketball league opened its schedule on December 13 and the 77th Street team lost its opening game to the North Section. ..Until we meet here again—PEACE. It has been a pleasure serving as your reporter this past year, and hopefully, with your cooperation our column will be even a better one in the coming year.

*- Elessie Gresham*

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

The Chairman's letter, which regularly appears on this page of Transit News, is replaced this month by Jack Mabley's column from CHICAGO TODAY in which Mr. Cafferty gives his views about the high level of employees at CTA.

In his letters in Transit News, as well as while visiting at CTA locations, Mr. Cafferty has made it known that he is quite impressed by the quality of CTA personnel. It is encouraging to note that now he has publicly expressed his confidence in CTA employees who so faithfully serve the transit needs of the Chicago area.

4 Chicago **today**, Monday, February 14, 1972

**Jack Mabley**

# No CTA fare hikes, says Cafferty

"IN MY OPINION, we cannot go to the public for more fare increases. It would be counter-productive. I would discourage more business than would be offset by the money attracted."

This is from Michael Cafferty, chairman of the Chicago Transit Board, and in effect the man in charge of running Chicago's transit system.

Since the days 35 years ago when you could ride the street cars for seven cents and the El and buses for a dime, fares have risen steadily to today's 45 cents, plus 10 cents for a transfer.

With each raise, the number of riders has dropped. But there is a line, Cafferty said, at which the drop in riders after a fare increase reduces income to a point where the CTA is worse off than before the increase.

"That line has been reached," Cafferty said.

CAFFERTY, A LAWYER in his mid-40's, was plucked out of the federal Department of Transportation a year ago by Mayor Daley to be boss of Chicago's mass transit system.

He's the type of man Daley wants in his top management level—youngish, bright, hard-working, well trained. His job is broad policy, not seeing that a 157 bus passes Lake Street and Michigan Avenue on schedule. It was about broad policy that I talked with Cafferty in his office in the Merchandise Mart.

The significance of his remarks on fares is that fares

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may go up over the years as money cheapens, but in terms of today's dollar, the fare has stabilized.

The present fare, tho, is not enough to enable the CTA to meet its payroll of 13,000 men and women, and buy new tires and gas and oil and electricity and pay accident claims and police the stations and the hundreds of other details of day-to-day operation.

The solution is subsidy. Federal subsidy.

**"THE SURVIVAL OF public transportation is at stake,"** Cafferty said. "I'm not talking about Chicago. I'm talking about every city in the country. Actually, we're in better shape than any other.

"Monday a week ago, I went to Washington to testify before a Senate committee, along with Ronan of New York, Cochran of Nashville, Gilstrap of California and others.

"We spend—that is, the federal government spends—$63 billion a year in subsidies of one form or another—to farms, shipping, air traffic, highways. But there is NO subsidy for public transportation, which is the one thing that touches more citizens than anything else.

"It seems to me that in that $63 billion they could find $300 or $400 million to relocate for public transportation. It is a simple fact that operating costs cannot be met by the fare box, and if public transportation systems don't get help, they are going out of existence."

How does Chicago's system rate?

**IT'S THE BEST," beamed Cafferty. "Somebody told** me it sounds self-serving when I say that. But that's what I thought when I was with the Department of Transportation.

"The basic reason is the service pattern. Ninety-nine per cent of Chicago citizens live no more than three-eighths of a mile—that's three blocks—from CTA service.

"That's fantastic coverage, and no city can match it. In addition, there's complete integration of the buses and the rapid transit.

"If public transit is going to survive, the answer will be found in Chicago. I don't mean we've found the answer yet, but here is where conditions are right.

"I'm not high on using transportation to solve specific social problems. But until all citizens have access to public transportation to move to all parts of the cities, we'll have difficulties. Our first responsibility is to provide transportation for people who have no other way to go around."

**Michael Cafferty, chairman of Chicago Transit Board. . . . Something new for the CTA.**

**CAFFERTY HASN'T BEEN around Chicago long enough** for us to judge whether he is a smiling optimist who sees the bright side of everything, or whether he's a realist. Anyway, it's good talking with him.

"There's a lot of pride here in the CTA," he said. "These are good people, competent people. It means something to belong to the CTA. Boy, I don't want them to lose that. Our society has lost too much of its pride in what we do.

"I don't think we'll produce the millenium here, but I'm very encouraged about the general situation."

That's something new for the CTA.

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# Operating employees make 1971 CTA's safest year

AN ALL-TIME low in passenger and traffic accidents was established in 1971 by CTA employees, making it the safest year in CTA's 24-year history.

The 1971 record beat that of 1970 which previously was the safest year. The 1971 traffic and passenger accident rate of 7.1 accidents per 100,000 miles operated was a reduction of 13.4 per cent compared with the 1970 rate and there was a 15.2 per cent decrease in the actual number of traffic and passenger accidents compared with 1970.

A dramatic comparison of the 1971 accident rate of 7.1 with the accident rate of 18.5 in 1948, CTA's first full year of operation, shows that there has been a reduction of 61.6 per cent.

"In the years since 1948 there has been a steady downward trend in public accidents," said General Manager Thomas B. O'Connor. "In 1954, CTA embarked on intensive safety training activities. And, in the next six years the accident rate per 100,000 miles operated ranged from a high of 14.1 to a low of 10.4. Beginning with 1961, the rate never exceeded 10."

O'Connor added: "I am especially proud of CTA's newest achievements in public safety because each year, the exposure to accidents becomes greater due to increased traffic congestion."

The figures compiled by CTA cover all accidents, however minor, including those accidents in which CTA buses were struck by other vehicles.

It was also announced that the Greater Chicago Safety Council will honor the following CTA fleets because they have bettered or maintained their 1970 accident record: Beverly station, 77th Street station, 69th Street station, 52nd Street station, Archer station, Lawndale station, Kedzie station, Limits station, North Park station, Forest Glen station, and the Utility truck fleet operating from Blue Island Garage.

# Keeler, Congress share ISC spotlight with perfect 4th quarter scores

A FIRST in the annals of the Interstation Safety Contest award program was achieved during the fourth quarter of 1971 when both a surface system and a rapid transit system operating station attained perfect scores of 75 points.

By registering a perfect score, Keeler Station also became the first surface system operating location ever to be rated 75. In their long drive to attainment of this goal, Keeler Station operators have previously won seven ISC awards.

Congress Station on the rapid transit system isn't a newcomer to the winner's circle either. This is the 11th ISC award won by operating employees at that location.

In the top picture, Keeler Station Superintendent R. W. Christian (left) is accepting his station's award from Superintendent of Transportation D. M. Flynn.

In the lower picture, Congress Station Superintendent J. P. Flynn (right) is displaying the award which he accepted from Superintendent of Operating Stations G. A. Riley.

# W. B. Folta retires as general accountant

CLOSING OUT a career of more than 49 years in the transit industry, William B. Folta retired February 1 as general accountant for CTA.

Mr. Folta started with the Chicago Surface Lines as a payroll clerk in the Accounting Department on August 24, 1922. He subsequently became a bill invoice clerk and in 1928 transferred to the Purchasing Department as a buyer. Returning to the CSL Accounting Department in 1941, Mr. Folta served as a bookkeeper and later as an accountant. Following the acquisition of transit properties by CTA, he was named chief accountant in 1948, assistant budget supervisor in 1951, assistant general accountant in 1957, and general accountant in November, 1970.

Friends and co-workers of Mr. Folta honored him at a dinner held at Henrici's in the Merchandise Mart on January 31. The presentation of a memento of the occasion was made by Manager of Finance P. J. Meinardi (left) to Mr. Folta and his wife, Katheryn.

**OUR COVER:** Air travelers using Midway Airport now have CTA bus service to the door. The airport, once the nation's busiest, was built in 1926 and served as Chicago's major aviation facility until O'Hare International Airport was commissioned in 1955. Transit service to Midway was first provided by South Cicero streetcars shuttling between Archer and 63rd, a service which was replaced by buses in 1941. Archer Express service to the airport began in 1946.

## *Reroute buses into Midway Airport*

DIRECT SERVICE to Midway airport terminal buildings is now being provided by southbound 62A Archer Express and 54B South Cicero buses.

Serving Midway Monday through Saturday, the 62A buses operate in the Loop via State street, and 54B buses connect with Douglas-Milwaukee rapid transit trains at the Cicero station. On Sundays, 54B buses operate to Midway from Cicero/Archer, where they connect with 62 Archer Local buses from the Loop.

Both the 62A and 54B routes, which operated past Midway airport in Cicero avenue, were rerouted January 17 southbound via Airport drive between 56th and 59th streets, making stops directly in front of terminal entrances. Because the drive is one-way southbound, northbound service is not affected.

## Organizational changes Announced

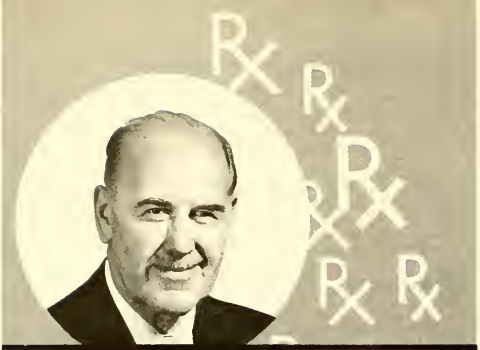
BULLETINS ANNOUNCING organizational changes within four departments were issued recently, advancing 15 CTAers to new supervisory positions.

Within the Engineering Department, H. T. Luebeck was named engineer of capital improvements and J. J. O'Connor became supervisor of real estate. The appointments, which became effective December 1, were made by General Superintendent of Engineering E. E. Olmstead and approved by General Manager T. B. O'Connor.

Named to new posts effective January 1 were R. Zazzara as superintendent of special investigations, L. J. Calus as assistant superintendent - special investigations inspection division, and J. C. Dunn as assistant superintendent - special investigations personnel division. The appointments were made by Superintendent of Public & Employee Relations F. C. Knautz and approved by Mr. O'Connor.

Promoted to new assignments within the Garage Division of the Shops & Equipment Department effective January 9 were F. J. Pelzmann as day foreman in the Campaign Area, C. F. Kubal as night foreman at Lawndale, W. Cooper as assistant day foreman at 69th Street, D. S. Chorak as p.m. foreman at Forest Glen, T. L. Short as relief foreman at 52nd Street and F. A. Mrzena as relief foreman at North Avenue. Previously appointed as night supervisor of garages effective November 21 was W. C. Scott. The appointments were made by Superintendent of Garages J. W. Dain and approved by Superintendent of Surface System Shops & Garages J. J. Repplinger and Superintendent of Shops & Equipment G. J. Clark.

Taking new offices in the Finance Department effective February 1 were H. F. Brown as general accountant, J E. Cannon as assistant general accountant and J. R. Wexelberg as internal auditor. The appointments were made by Manager of Finance P. J. Meinardi and approved by General Manager T. B. O'Connor.



# Medically Speaking

## by Dr. George H. Irwin

**BACKACHE** or low-back pain is one of the most common complaints that a doctor encounters. It is estimated that 80 per cent of the population at some time during life experiences backaches. For this reason it was thought that many of our readers would be interested.

To begin with, I believe a few general remarks about the anatomy and the functions of the back might help for a better understanding of this subject.

Man's back troubles began when he first stood erect. Standing causes stresses and strains on the spine which was originally built for four-footed support. Our primitive ancestors must have had almost constant backaches; however, the advantages of having two free hands to work with was evidently clear to their unsophisticated minds.

The spine of four-footed animals acts as a relatively stress-free suspension bridge. In man, however, the spine is the most important weight-bearing member of our body. It is like a big tent-pole which is held erect by numerous muscles and ligaments under constant stress. The spine consists of 33 vertebras including the spinal canal which contains the spinal cord, a very sensitive structure giving off many nerves to all parts of the body.

The functions or the uses of the spine have to do with the support of stability and locomotion of our body. Also, the spinal cord is the transmission line for messages along the nerve pathways between the brain and all other regions of the body. It is no surprise, then, that backaches are so common when one realizes all the activities the spine is put to.

Causes of backache may be generally placed in two groups: Inflammation or infection of the spine with its nerves and muscles; injury or trauma.

The first group includes rheumatism, arthritis, inflammation of the muscles, nerves and ligaments, tuberculosis, osteomyelitis (infection of the bone), various tumors and spinal cord lesions, and congenital abnormalities.

The second group includes injuries of all kinds, such as strained muscles, bumps or bruises with or without fractures. Muscle strains may result from unequal pull, heavy lifting or faulty posture. Soft, sagging mattresses are sometimes a cause. Protruded discs, a disorder of the cartilage between the vertebra is often blamed on injury, but I believe it is more often found in the disease group of causes.

The symptoms of back disorders may be mild or severe depending upon the causes. The onset is usually slow when it is due to disease and sudden when due to injury. When the pain radiates down the legs sciatica is often present.

The following suggestions to avoid backaches should be helpful:

(1) Lift correctly; use your strong leg muscles by placing your feet close together.

(2) Avoid subjecting your back to any sudden erratic motion.

(3) Wear sensible, well-fitting shoes.

(4) Never become fatigued either physically or mentally. Emotional problems may cause muscle tension.

(5) If you have a desk job, get up and stretch occasionally.

(6) Try to improve your posture in both sitting and walking, and be careful when there is snow and ice.

(7) Sleep on a firm bed. A bed board may be helpful.

(8) Get regular exercise that stimulates all your muscles, especially your back and legs.

(9) Beware of overweight. This results in an abnormal strain on muscles of the back and abdomen.

(10) Don't sit or sleep in a draft. After vigorous exercise, always take a warm bath or shower immediately.

The proper treatment of backache naturally will depend somewhat on the cause. Therefore it is essential to see your doctor as soon as possible. The proper management usually includes a careful history, a thorough physical examination, X-rays and laboratory tests. This should be carried out before any treatment is started. The important principles of any treatment include:

(1) Relief of pain.

(2) Decrease muscle spasm.

(3) Maintain back mobility.

(4) Restore function and muscle power.

(5) Hospitalization for certain tests and proper treatment.

(6) Traction in certain cases.

(7) Brace or supports when necessary.

(8) Physical therapy, such as heat and massage.

(9) Surgery for those cases properly indicated.

Of course, it is understood that all of the above mentioned procedures are not necessary in every case. One type of back ailment may be cured by medicines or physiotherapy while traction or surgery will be necessary to cure another type. In all cases of prolonged backache, see your doctor.

# Service anniversaries in February

## 45 years

S. G. Shonts, Budget

S. Geller, Office Services

## 35 years

A. Arini, Skokie Shops
D. V. Barthen, North Section
J. J. Brady, West Section
E. E. Broderick, North Avenue
H. F. Burda, Property Accounting
J. W. Dain, Surface System Garages
E. J. Goettert, North Park
G. Krambles, Research/Planning
M. G. O'Connor, 77th Street
A. J. Odrowski, Kimball Maintenance Terminal
J. V. Ogar, Archer
W. R. Peterson, Law
R. A. Riep, Archer
H. C. Songer, 69th Street
W. T. Schram, Investigation & Claims
C. G. Wennerstrom, Beverly

## 30 years

J. J. Barry, South Section
T. J. Barry, South Shops
J. R. Blaa, Transportation - General Office
R. T. Bovingdon, South Shops
H. D. Brown, North Section
V. G. Celebron, Skokie Shops
H. Cincetti, North Section
J. L. Dillon Sr., Forest Glen
J. R. Dudek, North Section
W. T. Garbo, Rapid Transit District - North
C. R. Glines, Beverly
J. P. Golden, North Section
T. Greene, North Section
S. L. Gustafson, Limits
B. P. Kane, General Accounting
W. R. Kropp, South Shops
R. J. Labon, Forest Glen
W. H. Lingl, District B
J. T. Mayfield, North Avenue
J. A. Miller, South Shops
J. J. Moreau, Forest Glen
W. J. Moser, Archer
A. O'Brien, Rapid Transit District - South
V. A. Rzeznik, Purchasing
F. L. Saucier, North Park
R. B. Scheid, 69th Street Garage
H. W. Schomer, Internal Auditing
M. A. Sode, Law
T. J. Spratt, Instruction - 77th Street
H. Tait, Skokie Shops
E. P. Tierney, Archer
F. Troila, Kedzie
S. Trombino, South Shops
J. R. Trosper, Rapid Transit District - North
H. E. Walther, Building & Construction
E. M. Wilieko, North Section

## 25 years

C. J. Abt, Treasury
B. B. Atkinson, North Section
J. W. Burks Jr., 77th Street
J. L. Cox, Forest Glen Garage
G. H. DeBroe, 52nd Street
J. H. Dahoney, District C
S. J. Dudasik, West Section
R. Evarts, Forest Glen
G. K. Farrell, Forest Glen
W. J. Grzesinski, North Avenue
F. J. Hennigan, South Shops
S. E. Kaminski, Utility & Emergency Service
M. M. Kasman, Forest Glen Garage
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A. Pruitt, 52nd Street
M. P. Romas, Kedzie Garage
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G. Sadlicki, North Park
J. D. Smith Jr., 52nd Street
J. G. Studley, Electrical Distribution
L. L. Wallace, 77th Street

# THE INSIDE NEWS

## AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**ACCOUNTING (Payroll) -**

By this time most of us are settled in our new locations after a game of musical chairs. We hope everyone is satisfied and happy in their new places...After the "Holidaze" everyone has settled down, more or less, to their regular routines so there is a scarcity of news at this time. Except for one bright report of a recent event--the Super Bowl! Whom do you think was the lucky winner of the pool? None other than VICKY LEPEK, a rather recent addition to the Payroll Department. To say she was surprised is putting it mildly, and we were thrilled that one of our members was a winner! Congratulations, Vicky.

*- Clara Lawrence*

**(Tabulating) -**

On a very nice Wednesday in December, the girls in the Key Punch Department gave themselves a Christmas party at Henrici's. It was well attended and a good time was had by all...CLARENCE BUTHMAN and his family have deserted "wunnerful city" for "beautiful suburban" Hanover Park. At last report all were delighted with their new surroundings. Best wishes in your new home.

*- Evelyn Lee*

**(General) -**

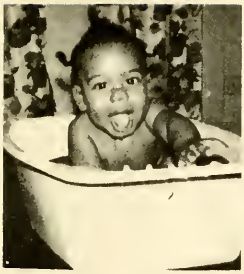
On February 1 WILLIAM B. FOLTA retired as general accountant after almost 50 years of service with the Chicago Surface Lines and CTA. A dinner was held in his honor on January 31 in Henrici's restaurant. Among the guests were Mrs. FOLTA, their three children, and their spouses. Many of Mr. Folta's present and retired co-workers attended, including former General Accountants L. J. FRANCOEUR and A. J. FITZSIMONS. Best wishes to Mr. Folta from all sections of the Accounting Department for many enjoyable retirement years...Congratulations to HAROLD F. BROWN on his appointment as general accountant to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Folta and to JOHN E. CANNON who was appointed assistant general accountant...Among those who have recently retired was JEANNE M. FITZGERALD, secretary to the general accountant, and former Transit News scribe for General Accounting. Jeanne was feted at a luncheon at Henrici's on December 29, 1971. Her two sons and their wives were in attendance as were many of Jeanne's co-workers and retired friends. We were happy to see Jeanne again at Mr. Folta's retirement dinner, and judging from her smiling face, retirement is agreeing with her...Jeanne's replacement is JUDY CUCI who transferred to Accounting from Special Investigations. Along with her new secretarial duties she is also replacing Jeanne as Transit News scribe. Be sure to let her know if there is anything in particular you would like mentioned in future magazines...Congratulations to RITA DEAKIN who transferred to accountant II in the Finance Department, replacing HELEN LOWE who retired, and to JOE LAZZARA who attained the position of accountant III in the General Accounting Section...We extend a warm welcome to TOM MARASOVICH who is the new file clerk in the office and to our new transfer counter, MARK FITZPATRICK. Good luck to JOSEPH CASTRO, our former file clerk, who transferred to the Treasury Department as a token clerk... Get well wishes go to VIRGINIA HARRER and SIG SHONTS, hope to see you both back on the job soon.

*- Judy Cuci*

**BEVERLY -**

I received a nice letter from Pensioner ED MALONEY and his wife, CLARA, who drove to Chicago to attend the wedding of their granddaughter, MARGARET CONWAY. They also celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary with a surprise party given for them by their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mass at St. Catherine of Genoa church and dinner with 40 friends climaxed a wonderful day and night. Ed extends an invitation to all his CTA friends to visit him at his home in Pompano Beach, Florida. The address is 3710 N.W. 4th avenue. Thanks, Ed, and say hello to BILL RADLOFF and LE ROY ERICKSON. Pensioners FRANK HELMS and ART BURHLING were recent visitors at Ed's home, as was TOM O'SHEA whom we haven't seen for a long time. Drop me a line or two, Tom...Operator C. WENNERSTROM and his wife, MARGE, became grandparents when 8 pound KAREN LYNN was born to their son and daughter-in-law...Operator TOM COULTER vacationed at Las Vegas where he left some of his money for them to hold until he returns. Hoover Dam is much cheaper to see, Tom...We wish a speedy recovery to Superintendent GEORGE EVANS who is hospitalized. Superintendent JOSEPH WILLS is on the A.M. shift, and Instructor CLARENCE HEILBRONNER is doing his usual fine job as night superintendent...Operators E. VANEK and R. DAVIS are also in the hospital, and Operators W. McCANN, M. GRIFFIN, and J. ROSSBOROUGH are on the sick list... When our number one man, RALPH LAYTON, went on pension after 43 years of service, he opened the door for a lot of our men to try and follow in his footsteps. Ralph was

LILLIAN C. PELLICORE is pictured here receiving her retirement portfolio from JOHN E. CANNON, Internal Auditor, at a dinner held in her honor on January 27 at Henrici's restaurant. Mrs. Pellicore retired as a stenographer on February 1 after more than 42 years of service.



THIS LITTLE aquanaut, in her bathtub, is KIMBERLY JUNE PALMER, the eight-month old daughter of North Section Motorman and Mrs. EUGENE M. PALMER.

our ace operator on Kedzie for many years. JOHN (the Mighty Mite) MAHONEY tried to be number one, but couldn't fill your shoes, Ralph...Recent new pensioners from Beverly were: M. DODD, GEORGE SCHLETZ, BILL QUIGLEY, L. C. BORRMANN, OLLIE DAVIS, RAY COLE, R. SOMMERS, CHARLES SUNBLAD, VIRGIL TRIMMER, JIM FITZMAURICE, E. LIPPNER, and my old buddy, BILL JENNINGS...When we picked our runs and looked at the first page, we saw that there were only a few of the old boys in blue left. We wish all these fine men many years of luck and happiness...We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Pensioner CHARLES POWERS, formerly of 69th Street. Charles was a true friend of mine in the Knights of Columbus and will be missed by all of us.

*- Tom Daniels & Amos Foster*

**CTA POLICE -**

Likely you won't find a crock of gold at the AMVETS St. Patrick's dance, March 11 at the Pick-Congress hotel, but there will be a wealth of good times. Sergeant PETE McGENUTIS can make arrangements. Division 241 men do themselves proud stepping off in the St. Patrick's day parade each year. Check with RAY O'WISNIEWSKI for the assembly location and time, and be there...The CTA Police Christmas party attracted some infrequently-seen faces. Retired Officers PETE MESSIN and RICHARD GISINER, Lieutenant MANLEY HOWE and Sergeant JOHN McGRATH visited. Dabbling with stocks keeps Pete active, as do Pete and Stella's 17 grandchildren. The Messins travel once in a while to visit a son with an insurance business in Omaha and a daughter in California. Richard Gisiner and Lieutenant Howe impressed everyone that retired life must be great. Although his trip to Eire over the summer was grand, Sergeant McGrath says he doesn't have any plans to settle there. All pensioners—please don't wait till next Christmas to stop in the office. Say hello whenever you're around...The Christmas holiday season was vacation time for ED and JUDY BUGAL, spent relaxing at home...RALPH and VIRGINIA VERNON were hosts to nine grandchildren, and as many adults, for their Christmas feast. Ralph recently put the arm on a man of scruffy appearance who was wandering about the 77th Street Depot. Other CTA workers had become concerned because of the man's demented manner and a broken ice-scraping tool he was holding... ANTHONY ODROWSKI, foreman at Kimball Shops, noted a quick decline in vandalism to cars stored in the yard shortly after CTA Police were detailed to protect the equipment. At various times, Officers JAQUEST, GOLDWATER, LAATSCH and PURTELL were on the detail. Some name-taking and stern warnings to several youths did the trick...Late one evening ROY SCHNEIDER, on the Blue Island car, made an on-view arrest of a man breaking into the Kedzie-Congress agent's booth with a screwdriver. The man was confined to Bridewell hospital as he was suffering from the affects of drugs...The end of the line is a good place to watch for runaways. One runaway youth was taken into custody at 54th on the Douglas by MARV GOLDWATER...About midnight JIM LaFOLLETTE, assigned to the Blue Island car, spotted a building on fire near Cicero and Lake. He reported this to the radio dispatcher and then went inside to rouse the residents. After breaking down several doors he found that it was an abandoned building. This sounds rather humorous, but it would have been heroic had the building been inhabited. JOHN FIRLINGER, on the North Avenue car, found a similar siutation near Monroe and Paulina; he reported the blaze to the radio dispatcher, then made sure that the residents were evacuated. These two officers put forth highly commendable efforts...CTA Police cars can greatly assist the radio dispatchers, especially late at night when other CTA radio cars are spread thin. The dispatchers are all experienced with what affects transit operations, and they can often surmise what is taking place. But they still need on-the-scene reports to accurately judge a situation. Should you be the first to report a delay, or something that could develop into a delay, it is very important that you stand by and follow up on the incident. If it clears up or gets worse, you can so inform the dispatcher. Reporting something and then leaving before another radio car arrives doesn't help much. Fires and traffic accidents that block CTA service are two instances where a CTA Police squad may happen to be close by and can be of service to the dispatcher. Making reports by radio is really a delicate function. So that you can perform your duties best, stop by the radio room and visit with the dispatchers. Talking things over is a good way to learn...Sergeant FRANK KRETZ and his family have moved to El Paso, Texas. Frank made many outstanding arrests and was in several shoot-outs with robbers in the days before exact fare...Congratulations to HEINZ VOGT on becoming a three-striper. MIKE and ANNETTE LEE LONERGAN are going to be neighbors of Heinz who lives in Lisle. The Lonergans will occupy a new house in Brook Hill, just west of Lisle...If someone called you a societal technician, would you feel complimented, insulted, or tell him he was mistaken? To find out, take a police science correspondence course from the Chicago Police Academy. Your only expense will be textbooks. Outside police agencies are again eligible to take these fine courses. Sign-up deadline is March 13 for the next series of courses. Contact our office for details...February happy birthdays go to BELL on the 3rd, BERGLUND on the 15th, FIDANZE and OSTERBERGER on the 19th, and SULZER on the 22nd. RIMELE (13th) and PURTELL (30th) had the luck to be born in March...Rumors that your scribe has an army of leprechauns gathering his news are untrue. This column depends upon YOU for stories. Keep in touch, let your scribe know what's happening...May the road rise with you, may luck go with you.

*- Timothy O'Mahony*

**ELECTRICAL (General Office) -**

Sergeant WAYNE TOSH was home on a four-week furlough before leaving for an air force base in Viet Nam. Wayne and his wife and little daughter visited with his parents, JOAN and DEL TOSH, chief power engineer. Although

his leave was over on December 18, his parents enjoyed their pre-holiday visit...HERMAN SMITH is home from the hospital recuperating from his recent surgery. He sends his thanks to all who responded to his request for blood donors, and also to those who remembered him with cards and telephone calls.

*- Kay McAlister*

**(Blue Island) -**

A card from ARVIN WILMONT informed us that he became a grandfather again when little JENNIFER LYNN was born on December 1. The proud parents are MADELINE and WILLIAM JOHNSON...ANDY BOURNE and his wife had a nice vacation in Scottsdale, Arizona...By the time this goes to press, WILLARD LOOS will have started his pension effective February 1... FRED MARIANI started his pension on January 1. The men in the Line Department gave him a nice send-off at a luncheon and presented him with a motor generator...A speedy recovery to WALTER YOCIUS who just had surgery. Other men out sick at this time are ELMER TEGTOW, WILLIAM KURTIN, ROMAN PRIESBE, ROBERT O'BRIEN, and DAN RYAN. Hurry and get well, fellows. To you pensioners across the country, let us hear from you: J. DARCY, J. HERMAN, FRANK CORRIGAN, GILTON QUICK, SAM GAFFEN, RALPH JOSSI, JOHN FINLAY, CHARLES MULBRANDON, BILL HOOVER and RAY SIERS. Don't forget the coffee pot is always on at Blue Island...There have been an unusual number of free breakfasts at Blue Island lately. One celebrated the return of ARDUINI's son from Viet Nam, one for the safe return of LARRY HEISE's son, another for ZIGG's birthday (39th), and yet another for WALTER WANGERO's birthday.

*- William Rehder*

**(Rapid Transit Signal Division) -**

A hearty welcome is extended to Signal Helpers ZOWNIE COOTS and EDDIE McCLINTON, our newest additions to the Signal Department. They joined our work force in December, and at the same time they brought our signal helper list to 13. Lucky or not, the present number does show an increase of two above normal. The increase is due to preparations being made for an expansion of the CTA signal system. This, of course, is good news to our men who have always welcomed the likelihood of more work in our department. This expansion is part of the CTA Capital Improvement Program, announced by CTA Board Chairman MICHAEL CAFFERTY some time ago. Due to the specialized type of work, all new men are highly trained before they are called upon to accept the full responsibility that goes with the job of signal maintainer. Congratulations, fellows, and remember that this isn't a waiting game as there is plenty of work to do right now. Dig in!..PAT DOYLE recently underwent a serious eye operation. He is now home and doing fine. Pat seemed to be in a very jovial mood when I talked with him. He will be home for eight weeks recuperating, and getting better acquainted with his new granddaughter, CAROLYN SUZAN SCHAESER...A vacation during the holiday season always seems to have an air of sheer delight. No one knows this better than FRANK GUAGENTI who spent his during the Christmas holidays. Frank comes from a family of ten (the more the merrier), and said he is the oldest but hasn't decided if that gives him and kind of advantage. Pleasant memories are but a small portion of Frank's reward for having helped to rear

LEARNING TO do the hula is one way to keep young and active in your retirement years. JACK KRAUSE, former relief district superintendent of Operations Control, seems to be enjoying the lesson very much, when he and his wife, WANDA, visited the South Pacific Polynesian restaurant near Hollywood, Florida.

his younger brothers and sisters, as he gained their love, trust and unlimited respect. For them, having Frank around makes a perfect Christmas setting. His vacation made possible a family reunion in two parts. First in Chicago, and then in Evansville, Indiana, where one of his sisters, GRACE, and one of his brothers, ANDREW, reside. .."Lil, if you're around when I get my next vacation, we'll go to Acapulco, Mexico." That's what CHARLES LASKOWSKI told his wife, LILLIAN, last year. It was the beginning of an exciting vacation trip for them, drowning their cares in the clear waters off the beautiful Acapulco beaches. They took part in some of the traditional sports, like watching the cock fights and bull fights. They weren't exactly pleased with one of the bull fights as the matador won. Lillian found the burro races more to her liking, particularly since she won the race she was competing in... What does a typical signal maintainer do during a midwinter vacation? Nothing! Nothing but attach himself to his easy chair and look at the sports on TV and listen to the inclement weather reports. We understand that it is all over for two of these guys, ELMER STOKES and EARL BELL, who are now back at their posts. You guys will need that layer of fat you put on when you meet that icy cold weather again...A large number of our signalmen attended the Sixth Annual Old Timers party, sponsored by Local 9, honoring all their retired members on January 21. The place was the Plumber's hall, 1340 W. Washington boulevard, and our signalmen were joined by more than 700 other members of the local. After the conversation and back-slapping, the men sat down to a tasty corned beef and cabbage dinner, where both food and suds were plentiful. Those retired members who had reached the age of 65 during the past year received a gift of $20, and our own BILL BAKER was one of the takers. Music was provided by the Shannon Rovers, a bag pipe band led by Jerry Ryan. This band has become a featured attraction in the St. Patrick's day parades, and has played other occasions honoring our city's top Irishman, Mayor Richard J. Daley. We thank J. A. McCann, business manager, and F. S. Hince, president, and the entire staff of Local 9 for an enjoyable evening.

*- Tommie Lowery*

**(Chicago Avenue) -**

It is my sad duty to report the death of one of our men, FRED PROROK, who was killed in an unusual automobile accident which occurred near his home. Fred was the light maintainer on the South Section of the rapid transit. He

joined the former Surface Lines in March, 1947, and transferred to Chicago Avenue in 1953. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family. We also extend our sincere sympathy to TED NADROWSKI in the death of his father-in-law on January 17...My able assistant and partner, CHARLIE SALVATORE, was in the hospital for surgery. He sounded good when we talked to him over the phone, and is now home recuperating...JIM (the zipper) ROEBER paid us a visit at the shop. He looks real good considering the short time since his heart operation. The stay in the hospital trimmed him down a bit...BILL MURRAY just returned from vacation in Florida where he and his family soaked up the sun and visited with Bill's daughter and family. His son came down from Washington, D.C., and it must have been some reunion...LARRY SHELBY who flies his plane out of a Gary, Indiana, airport reports that he is temporarily grounded. Larry says that certain parts are needed for repairs. Until then he stays on the ground like the rest of us...Attention pensioners--I would appreciate a note or card letting us know what you are doing wherever you are. All information can be sent to me at 311 Institute Place.

*- Ben Nielsen*

**ENGINEERING -**

We say goodby to two of our employees who retired on February 1, TONY SULLIVAN who has been with the company more than 37 years, and LOUISE SANDSTROM who has been with us just a short time. Louise is going to spend her retirement traveling between sisters in Florida and Michigan. We wish you both a happy retirement...We also have to say goodby to another employee, FRANK GIRDWAIN, an engineer co-op trainee. Frank is returning to school after his recent assignment with the survey crew. Even though we lost some of our employees, we have gained three others. In the Structural Design, Civil Engineering Section, is STEVEN VASSILATORS, an engineer co-op trainee from I.I.T.; also a belated welcome to KSAVERAS KAUNAS of the Civil Engineering Section, and KATHY BRADY, who is replacing Louise in the reception room... We would like to wish GEORGE SULLIVAN a speedy recovery and hope to see him back soon...We had two lucky people who took trips to Florida. Mr. KALOGERAS and his wife, PAULINE, and his son, GEORGE, drove down to the Florida Keys to bring in the New Year. While in the Keys they visited Taveriner creek and took in some fishing. They went to the Orange Bowl game and saw Nebraska beat Alabama. George attends school at Nebraska State college so it was an enjoyable game for them. They also visited some friends in Birmingham, Alabama, on their way. Mr. MINOGUE and his wife drove down to Florida for two weeks where they also had an enjoyable time. They returned to Chicago in sub-zero weather. Mr. Minogue, were you ready to turn around and go back?..Real Estate has moved to their new fancy quarters and everything is back in order now.

**(West Shops) -**

Welcome back to PAT McGING, plumber, who was ill for a while. We are happy to see him looking chipper again. Stay well, Pat...Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH FUCARINO and their six children spent three weeks visiting in Florida. They spent the Christmas holidays with Joe's father, a CTA retiree. Joe says his father is feeling and looking great. They spent a whole day at Disney World, which Joe claims is fabulous. Of course, many, many other points of interest were seen, but we're sorry Joe you had to come back to such bad weather...TOM HICKS, plumber foreman, and his family also spent their Christmas holidays in Florida visiting family and friends. Tom said they had a beautiful vacation...ED AMUNDSEN and his wife spent Christmas with their son and his wife in Colorado. It is good to spend the holidays with your family...We are happy to welcome to the West Shops two handsome young men, KEVIN FLEMING and WILLIAM FLETCHER. We hope your stay will be a happy one. Glad to have you aboard, Bill and Kevin...We were sorry to lose SUE MILLONAS who left us December 31. Sue became the bride of RICHARD GILBERT of Quincy, Illinois. I was very happy to be present at their wedding on January 8, a candlelight ceremony. Sue was a beautiful bride as she walked down the aisle on the arm of her father, GEORGE MILLONAS, superintendent of Buildings and Construction. Our best wishes to the bride and groom. ..The West Shops Credit Union held their annual dinner and meeting on Friday, January 21. About 40 members were present and as always the food was excellent, thanks to TONY SPAK and his wife, JUANITA. A raffle was held and one of the winners was MARY GALLON, a former West Shops employee who is now in Transportation at Howard Street. We are happy that you could make the meeting, Mary, and it was good to see you again...I would like to ask the support of the West Shop-ers. If you have any news items that you would like to have printed in the CTA Transit News, please bring them to me and I would be only too happy to send them on.

*- Darlene Jansen & Jennie Scott*

**FOREST GLEN -**

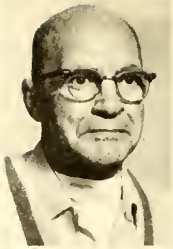
First order of business--I'd like to correct our station superintendent's name. It is MYLES DeWITT. Sorry, boss, we got George for your first name--don't know how it happened but I guess mistakes can be made. While on the subject of our boss, Mr. DeWitt wants to thank all the operators for cutting down on accidents. Now, fellows, let's get busy and show him a really good job. He may even pay for the rolls to go with our coffee next time...A very happy birthday to Operator CARL MICHALKO. I understand his family took the old boy out for dinner (the Golden Arches?). ..January 19 marked 26 happily married years for Operator H. BOWERS and his wife, SHIRLEY...Operator JOHN RECK and his wife spent the two loveliest weeks touring Sun City,

THE HAPPY bride and groom are Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD J. MAGIS who were united in holy matrimony on July 17, 1971, at St. Richard's church. The bride is the former MARGARET ANN PARKS, the daughter of MARGIE PARKS, Print Shop, South Shops.

G. H. LUMPP
45 Years

J. W. NETTE
43 Years

E. C. GREEN
42 Years



C. A. ANDREWS
42 Years

W. E. LOOS
42 Years

# NEW PENSIONERS

JOINING THE ranks of the retired on February 1 were the five employes pictured here who had 40 or more years of transit service each with CTA and its predecessor transit companies.

JOHN P. ALTENBACH, Ticket Agent, North Park, Emp. 11-24-36
CHARLES A. ANDREWS, Janitor, Forest Glen, Emp. 11-13-29
RAYMOND W. COLE, Operator, Beverly, Emp. 11-16-36
EDWARD J. COMAN, Accident Clerk, Claim, Emp. 1-11-47
WILLIAM B. FOLTA, General Accountant, Accounting, Emp. 8-24-22
WALTER B. GARBUTT, Training Assistant II, Training & Accident Prevention, Emp. 10-19-36
LEO J. GLOMBICKI, Bus Repairer, 69th Street, Emp. 12-30-46
DANIEL GRANUCCI, Stock Clerk I, Stores, Emp. 12-5-41
EDWARD C. GREEN, Janitor, 69th Street, Emp. 10-29-29
ERNEST A. HILL, Operator, 52nd Street, Emp. 1-18-44
ELOF B. HOFFMAN, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 10-1-42
WILLARD E. LOOS, Line Helper, Electrical, Emp. 10-29-29
BEN M. LUCIA, Electrician A, Shops & Equipment, Emp. 1-26-43
GEORGE H. LUMPP, Painter Foreman, Engineering, Emp. 6-14-27
EDWARD C. METKE, Operator, Archer, Emp. 8-13-36
JOHN W. NETTE, Supervising Cashier, Treasury, Emp. 7-19-28
CHARLES V. O'KANE, Bus Repairer, 52nd Street, Emp. 3-25-29
CHARLES P. PELLEGRINO, Bus Repairer, North Avenue, Emp. 8-24-41
LILLIAN C. PELLICORE, Secretary, Internal Auditing, Emp. 5-10-29
ALFRED H. RAHN, Janitor, Forest Glen, Emp. 11-21-42
LOUISE A. SANDSTROM, Stenographer I, Engineering, Emp. 2-12-68
GEORGE W. SCHLETZ, Operator, Beverly, Emp. 1-22-34
CARL W. SCHOENBAUM, Collector, 77th Street, Emp. 6-3-44
RICHARD A. SOMMERS, Operator, Beverly, Emp. 11-30-36
ANTHONY J. SULLIVAN, Rodman I, Engineering, Emp. 5-24-34
WILLIAM F. WEBER Jr., Operator, Kedzie, Emp. 8-19-41
IRVING I. WEINER, Operator, North Park, Emp. 6-20-50
PAUL J. WINKOWSKI, Instructor, Forest Glen, Emp. 11-24-36

**DISABILITY RETIREMENT**

JOHN HOFFERT, B Electrician Apprentice, Electrical, Emp. 11-18-36

Phoenix and Las Vegas. John didn't do so well but mamma went from one to another picking her spots for jackpots. She really won...Clerk TED HOELLEN spent two weeks in Phoenix, Arizona, visiting our former superintendent, Mr. PETERSON. We expect to hear more upon Ted's return... Clerk JACK MOREAU had cataract surgery; here's to a speedy recovery...Janitors AL RAHN and CHARLES (Curly) ANDREWS retired February 1. Al will spend his time doing a lot of traveling and visiting friends, while Curly will try to get into as much trouble as he can around the house...KENNETH HILDEBRANT, the brother of District Superintendent TOM HILDEBRANT, passed away January 19. Our hearts go out to his family in their time of grief... Operator TONY DeMAYO and his wife sent a card from Mexico. He sure picks the right time to leave the city, and also saves by traveling late in the season...Two very proud people these days are Supervisor R. VOLGAKIND and his wife, who became grandparents for the third time when their daughter, CAROLE ANN ROSE, had her first child, a son named JAMES HARRY...Operator HANS TARCIKOWSKI and his lovely wife celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on February 12 with dinner-and at the Black Forest restaurant...Those of us here at Forest Glen want to know why all the fuss about those two young men wanting to

poison our water. The janitors here at our depot have been doing it for years, only they call it making coffee...RICK MEAGHER, the son of Operator TOM MEAGHER, was home on leave and will now be stationed in Germany.

*- W. A. Henry* (Don't call me Wilbur)

**GENERAL OFFICE (Treasury) -**

JOHN NETTE, cashier, took his pension on February 1 after 43 years of service. John has plans to enjoy the sunny weather in Arizona and Las Vegas...We were glad to see EMIL DERMA, cashier, back to work after a short spell of illness.

**(Employment) -**

The welcome mat was extended to CINDY SPARROW, clerk II, who joined the ranks of CTA.

**(Public Information) -**

We were glad to see JOHN BURGESON back to work after his bout with the flu bug...Welcome back to your co-reporter, EILEEN NEURAUTER, after her stay in the hospital. She wishes to thank all her friends and co-workers for their cards, flowers and gifts.

**(Training & Accident Prevention) -**

STUART MAGINNIS, supervisory training coordinator, was graduated from Roosevelt university on December 24 with a Bachelor of General Studies degree in Business... JOANNE BOURNE, former employee, paid us a visit with her one-year old daughter, DEBRA...Office Services has moved in with the Employment and Training Department. ..WALTER GARBUTT, training assistant II, retired February 1 and moved to Fort Collins, Colorado. All his many friends wish him a long and happy retirement...MIKE McCARTHY was disappointed with the Hall of Fame selections. He says Roy Smalley, a former Chicago Cub, should have been inducted. Anyone wish to argue with Mike?..At this writing LORRAINE McEVILLY is off sick with a bad back aggravated by a recent fall. A speedy recovery is wished for Lorraine.

**(Medical) -**

We were all glad to see MARY LEDWITH, RN, back on U.S. soil after her three-week stay in Ireland visiting with relatives. From the tales we hear, she had a grand old time taking a few sips of the Irish whiskey.

**(Research & Planning) -**

WALLY PASZYNA and his family are the proud owners of a beautiful new home in Frankfort, Illinois (alias Hot Dog Town). Wally, along with his wife, MARY, and their daughters, JACKIE and LUCY (we almost forgot to mention their little dog, Peaches), moved into their home on January 22 and you can be sure they were one happy and excited family. We wish them lots of luck and happiness... Congratulations to HOWARD BENN who was married to ROSANNE BLUM on February 27 at the Belden-Stratford hotel. Many years of happiness to both of you from everyone in R/P...Congratulations are also in order for MARY ELLEN RUSS who became engaged to JIM SCHLESINGER. Their wedding is planned for May 5, 1973. Mary Ellen keeps telling Jim he has to change his name before they get married because Schlesinger is too hard to say. It took her three weeks before she could say it without spitting in everyone's face (only kidding, Jim)...A thank you from DIANE and MARY ELLEN to STEVE, MIKE, DICK, HOWARD, and the two DAVES for treating them to lunch at Le-Bordeaux on New Years. Everything was delicious, especially the onion soup!..The MACAK family celebrated their dog Fluffy's tenth birthday on January 18. Fluffy was given a party with cake and candles. She enjoyed all the festivities, but the cake didn't appeal to her taste even after George poured a little meat gravy on it. George said his family had a lot of fun, especially his children, CHUCKY and PAMELA. Oh, before we forget, happy belated birthday, Fluffy...MIKE DALEY's wife, SALLY, put on a one-woman art exhibit at the Levy Center in Evanston during the month of January. Her paintings were oils and acrylics and consisted of such subject material as hard edged abstracts, cubist abstracts, landscapes, abstract impressions and still lifes. One of her landscapes called "Landmark", winner of second prize in the Skokie Art Guild competition, shows the Edgewater Beach hotel as it was being razed. She based this picture on several slides taken by Mike. The exhibit was a huge success and quite enjoyable...Last but not least, R/P has for sale a pair of slightly used crutches from the collection of WALLY PASZYNA. They are available now for a limited time only at a remarkably low price. Hurry--if no offers are received, BOB SCHAGEMAN gets to use them for his rose bushes.

*- Regina Daren & Eileen Neurauter*

**STATE STREET** subway was brand new and had not yet felt the crush of the 5 p.m. crowd when the first inspection train passed through it 29 years ago on April 2, 1943. On board the train were city and federal officials, as well as Rapid Transit company representatives. Responsible for operation of the 8-car inspection train were (from left) front row: Fred Sirr, Fred Beck, Edward Treskett, James Snort, Charles Blade and James Frawley. Standing: Michael Joyce, Alfred Bloom, R. N. Griffin, John P. Mannion, Carl Krueger and Adolph Florczak. The picture was provided by the widow of Mr. Florczak, Howard Street conductor who passed away in 1970.

**KEDZIE -**

Superintendents M. HARRINGTON and G. DAUBS are very proud of our accident record for 1971. We cut down on our accidents and complaints, and increased the commendations. All in all, CTA had their best year in safety. We beat our 1970 par. Our Instruction Department, headed by Senior Instructor JACKSON is equally proud. This is due to each operator and his skillful driving habits. Let's all try just a little harder in 1972 to cut down on accidents and make Kedzie number one in the interstation competition...At this time I would like to name the operators who

made the Courtesy Caravan for November and December. They are: W. WEBB, L. MARKOWITZ, W. COFFEE, J. HENDERSON, J. WALLACE, J. ROBINSON and J. HARRIS. Congratulations, fellows, and I hope I can add more names to this list...Congratulations to Operator W. WEBER who took his pension on February 1. Here's wishing you loads of luck and happiness in your retirement years...Pensioner D. BERLIN was at the depot and looked real good. He now has a little side job...Our deepest sympathy is extended to the families of Superintendent of Instruction THOMAS STIGLIC in the loss of his father January 19, and Retired Superintendent OTTO BRUEBACH who was laid to rest on January 19 at Queen of Heaven cemetery...While making up this issue, still on the sick list was Operator R. COLLINS who had an operation on his right knee, and Operator F. VONDRASEK who suffered a couple of fractured ribs. To all the other operators on the sick list, we wish you all a speedy recovery and hope to see you on the job soon...Don't forget your credit union. Save by day so you can sleep at night.

*- Raymond Graham*

**KEELER -**

Hi guys and dolls! Are you honestly trying to lose some of that sneaky blubber that somehow got to you (and me) during the holidays? Well, we have until June before we don the shorts and minis...There has been a new system of posting the birthdays, but so far I haven't been able to beat the system although I am really trying. So belated birthday greetings for January are extended to the following Keelerites: L. KUZYK, F. HOLDEN, S. BRASWELL, J. JOHNSON, HOUGHLAND, BRENNER, MOSELY, DABROWSKI, GRECO, BOOSE, KUMBERA, A. J. DAVIS, and finally the little fellow who finds something to celebrate every week, EARL LATTIMER. Now, fellows, please buy February birthday gifts soon as my date is February 1, followed close behind on February 2 for Operators A. SEGAR, McFADYEN and JOHNSON. FOX, February 9; A. GRABOWSKI, February 11; Board Member ART SCHNEE commemorates February 12; GRAHAM, February 15; WILSON, February 16; ROBBINS, February 21; CZUBERNAT, February 23; GEORGE RUTLEG, February 25; HAAK and BOB O'NEAL, February 26; STEHLIK and McGHEE, February 27, and wrapping up the festivities on February 28 is big JOHN JARECKI. Operator J. CARSON never fails to remember his daughter DEANNA's birthday January 31, and he dare not forget the little lady on February 7. Happy birthday, GLORIA...Operator N. NEIL and his better half, ROSIE LEE, celebrated 14 years of togetherness on February 7. Oh yes, their son, GERRY, birthdayed on February 10...Operator ARTHUR DAVIS and his lovely wife, FAYNIA, make it a lucky seven years on February 25...LOUIS and FRANKIE HOWARD repeated their vows on February 11...Two very, very nice people, ANDY and MARY SEGAR, will be accepting all silver tokens on February 15--their 25th wedding anniversary...Operator L. HALL passed out the cigars on January 7 in honor of little CHRISTOPHER XAVIER who weighed in at 6 pounds 11 ounces. I know BERTHA named the new arrival as papa couldn't spell those names...Oops, almost forgot (again) the ninth wedding anniversary of Operator W. LAWLER and his wife, GERALDINE, on December 29. I can't afford to forget Lawler as he is a prospective mechanic school graduate, and with the lemons I buy, I need help...Speaking of mechanics, how about those young fellows down in the garage. It seems that none of them could vote until they lowered the voting age. Included in this category are Garage Servicemen DON WILCOX and BILL NIMTZ, who also birthdayed on December 22, and JOE (Mr. Ambition) FABITS. Joe will also be starting day school soon...Another fellow I can't honestly say much about is Operator G. BOWEN. You see, I can't stand a guy who is young, drives a new Buick, and is also single. Please, girls, won't one of you hook him and let him know what life is all about?..Regretfully we learned that Operator O'SHEA was hospitalized with a heart attack. The entire station wishes you a speedy recovery, O'Shea... We haven't forgotten you ZIELKE. We will be expecting you around to see us this spring...Please excuse me FREDERICA, but it isn't my fault. Your hubby, W. C. YARRINGTON, didn't remind me of your seventh wedding anniversary on February 2. I had to look it up in my dusty archives...So long until next time.

*- Ernest C. Carter*

**LAWNDALE -**

Well to the surprise of the surprised, a few weeks ago the Cermak operators awoke one morning to find themselves driving a different type of bus. It's utterly impossible, said one operator, this really can't be happening to me. Another sighed saying, my Cadillac has been taken away from me and replaced with an out-of-date, non-heating, noisy Model T. Well, thanks to the many Cermak operators who gave up their "Cadillacs", the Kimball-Homan and North Damen avenue operators could trade in their Model T's. After the bus trading was completed, the smiles really flowed when Chicago felt those two sub-zero days...CRAIG P. CAMPBELL, the son of Operator and Mrs. DOUGLAS CAMPBELL, was recently promoted to the rank of sergeant in the U.S. Army. Craig has served two years in Viet Nam with the 101st Military Police Company, 101st Airborne Division Air Mobile Unit. Craig is the winner of the bronze star, two army commendation medals, and the Vietnamese cross of gallantry. To the delight of his parents, Craig should be walking through the front door of their home any day now. Welcome home, Craig...We had a chance to see Operator FRANK DOWNEY in the station a few days ago. Frank was looking just fine and he said that he was feeling good. Operator A. TURNER was well enough to pay us a visit recently and pick his future runs. Operator ARTHUR ADAMS is still recuperating at home, and we wish him a speedy recovery. Operator JOE RIHA is off at the present time with a touch of the bug, and we hope to see Joe back on the job real soon...We recently received a card from Pensioner JESSE CINKUS and his wife, LILL, touring portions of the United States...I had an opportunity to pick up Pensioner BALL recently. He was looking just fine and told me to say hello to all of the fellows at Lawndale. So hello all of you men of Lawndale, from former Operator Ball...Our sincere condolences are extended to Station Superintendent ROBERT KEAG and his family in the passing of his mother on January 20...Our deepest sympathy is also extended to Relief District Superintendent TOM HILDEBRANT in the recent passing of his brother, KENNETH HILDEBRANT...We had a few visitors recently and they are all pensioned personnel: Retired Chief Clerk HERBIE BYERS, and Retired Operators GEORGE MILLER and BILL HALLA--all of whom are looking fit as a fiddle and enjoying retirement... Happy birthday greetings are extended to the following personnel this month: G. GREEN, C. KONOPACKI, J. GIBSON, A. REESE, R. FAY, I. DAVIS, C. HARRIS, J. STAHULAK, J.

DANIEL, T. GUMBUS, I. CUNNINGHAM, T. STUCKEY, P. HENDERSON, E. SHIELDS, J. BELL, B. STRONG, D. BROWNLEE, L. CHATMAN, J. MANUS, M. GRICKI, T. IVERY, R. GREEN and J. WILLIAMS...Coming up very soon will be a system pick for all stations. I would like to say at this time, to all of the men with whom I've worked so closely for the past couple of years, that it's been a pleasure working with you. Some of you I trained when you started at this station. Some of you, whom I have trained, have had the opportunity to lead me on the street and really sock it to me. Maybe this was your way of letting me know that I trained you well, or perhaps I gave you a rough time during your training. Some of you may remember that after your thrashing of me, sometime later I may have broken down on you and left you with a double street--not intentionally of course. But now you're moving on through the system to become familiar with other streets and stations. Wherever you may go, I hope that you enjoy your stations and are satisfied with your choice. So take care of yourselves and perhaps one day we'll cross lines. To all of the men leaving Lawndale, I wish you good luck...Well, that concludes it for this month. Remember to always think with safety in mind.

*- James Marshall*

**LIMITS -**

At the Limits Credit Union business meeting on January 16 the following officers were re-elected: LUCAS DANIELE, president; CONRAD JOHNSON, treasurer, and ERNEST BUCHWITZ, assistant treasurer. The supervising committee remains the same, except for M. SHAMMAR who is newly-elected. We know these men will serve the membership to the best of their ability...Operator G. TAYLOR's son, RON, was united in marriage to a pretty lass by the name of NANCY, and honeymooned in the Bahamas. Congratulations!..We welcome back STANLEY WARCHOL to the repair department after serving three years with the U.S. Army in Germany. Stanley reports that he is very happy to be back with the CTA...EARL RODGERS and KEITH KLEIN are still wondering why they exchanged the Christmas presents they received. Perhaps the answer lies with the men in the repair department...Doctor B. PIERZYNSKI, who has been giving physical check-ups to the men at Limits, is not only a thorough doctor, but also a man with a wonderful sense of humor. He will be greatly missed when he completes his work here...Instructors JIM HENDERSON and FRANK NORTON are really working hard on the "zero days ahead." If you want to find Henderson or Norton, check the target line. They will appear sooner or later...Superintendent LOU MUELLER purchased a new automobile and had the misfortune of another motorist driving into the rear end while waiting for a traffic light to change. There was extensive damage, but he is thankful that he was not injured...Our sincerest sympathy to the families of JACK BURKE and GOLDSMITH SHUMAC who passed away last month, and also to TOM STIGLIC in the loss of his father, MATE.

*- R. S. Benson*

**LOOP -**

Now that the new agent and janitor pick is in effect, everyone has settled down to business. We are sorry to say that many of our agents were ill, but we hope they will all have recovered and are back on the job before this news is in print. Agent MARY JO OHNESORGE is home from the hospital and doing quite well. Agent MARGARET NOLAN was laid up with a broken ankle but will be back with us soon, we hear. Agent DAVE GRAFMAN has completely recovered from surgery and is back working the midnight trick at Pulaski on the Kennedy. Agent DOROTHY FORD was bitten by that miserable flu bug but is back to work now. Agent DOROTHY ADLER caught the bug, too, but she fought it off all by herself with no time off. Agent JUNE BAREKMAN spent a little time in Presbyterian-St. Luke's hospital where she had surgery performed on one eye. She is back now but will have to return to the hospital in the near future to have surgery on her other eye. June says she feels great and came through it all with flying colors... Agent VIRGINIA TOTCKE held a get-together at her home. Retired Agents LILL CONROY and MARIAN KAAD, and Agent DOROTHY ADLER were among the guests. Your co-reporter, Agent MARY WIXTED, was invited but was bedded down with a virus and missed out on a very pleasant time. Lill Conroy had the group out to her new home in Schaumburg, Illinois, where we all had a grand time on Sunday, January 30...Congratulations on a job well done to Agent and Extra Assignment Agent SUE MATTHEWS. Sue took over the handling of the new pick when our gal, KATY MORIARTY, the regular pick agent, became ill. We are happy to say that Katy is now well again...Collector KAULES didn't make his usual trip to Las Vegas this year. How come? Too cold to travel or are you saving it for that rainy day?..Clerk DAN DOYLE saw former Agent JOHN FILIPEK recently and says he looks just great. John asks to be remembered to all his old friends whom he misses seeing and hearing from (hint, hint). Just about a year ago Dan was kissed by Charo Cugat, and he hasn't been the same since. Better snap out of it, Dan, Xavier saw her first...Agent W. STRASSER has been strangely silent for much too long. Can it be that he has worked the Marion (Lake) Station so long the walls are closing in on him? Let's hear from you, Wilbur...Janitor E. BEVACQUA announced the arrival of the CUTEST (quote from dad) 6 pound baby girl. Congratulations, mom and dad, don't spoil her... Belated birthday greetings to the following people: Retired Janitor PETE NAUGHTON, December 20 (Pete gets better looking all the time); Agents MARY BURROWS, January 13; ADAM WAAS, January 22; GRACE MOUNTS, January 8; MARY MARBLE, January 16, and to two-year old MARC, the grandson of Agent FRED FRIEB... Our Kennedy extension is now two years old. My how time flies...Happy anniversary to Assignment Agent KAREN DOMINO who has completed her first year as a regular assignment agent. Congratulations, Karen...We still think fondly of Superintendent LEO BIEN, who retired one year ago on January 1 after 40 years of service. We hope he is enjoying his retirement and would certainly love to hear from him...It was a very pleasant surprise to see Chief Clerk JOHN CAROLAN at the Jefferson Park terminal. Welcome, John...LOU MENKEN has been retired one year. Let's hear from you, Lou. Drop us a line...Agent MARY WIXTED had a letter and some very comical post cards from old-timer "Speed" MARTIN. He is enjoying the nice warm Florida weather. She also received a letter from WILLIAM NEVSON of the Pensioners Club of St. Petersburg, Florida. The club represents all retired CTA employees and their wives. The membership this year is in the mid-90's. The newly elected officers for 1972 are: OTTO KOPCHEN, president, GUS KUTA, vice-president, and Bill Nevson, secretary-treasurer. Both Bill and Otto

worked on the North Side "L", Otto at Kimball and Bill at Howard Street. Both were clerks. If any of you plan a trip to Florida, the boys say visitors are always welcome at the club. They meet on the first Tuesday of each month. Your co-reporter, Mary Wixted, will be happy to furnish the address to anyone interested. It was so nice to hear from the boys, and we hope they will continue to keep in touch and send us news of the club and its members, as Bill has promised...That's all for now, gang. Send us your news, and keep smiling!

*- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wixted*

**MILWAUKEE, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -**

We wish to extend a big welcome to Superintendents STANLEY CHRIST and ROBERT ROESING. We hope you will both find the West Side to be the "best side."..Best wishes to Superintendents DON LEMM and FRENCHIE ELLIS who were transferred to the South Section...We hope RON BAKER does not forget his friends on the Kennedy. Congratulations also to EDWARD MITCHELL who was promoted to relief station superintendent...BOB KLACZYNSKI, who has been bowling for the past four years with the Miami Bowl Lanes, is proud to announce that his team has always held first or second place. The team is heading for first place again this season. Bob seems to attribute his team's success to the fact that he is its secretary. Good luck to you all... MILLIE BLAGOJEVICH celebrated her second anniversary with CTA on January 21. If you can make it for two years, you usually can make it for 20. Good luck to you, Millie...TOM HASBROUCK, the son of ELEANOR HASBROUCK, is spending three weeks traveling in India...Your co-reporter, GRACE MOUNTS, celebrated her birthday on January 8. HELEN GUTH celebrated hers on January 13. Neither of the girls keeps count of the years anymore, or so they claimed when asked. Hope you both have many, many more to not keep count of. Grace and her husband, CLEM, are planning a two-week vacation in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. While there they plan to visit with her three sisters, one brother, and her son...We wish to extend our sympathy to the family of Agent GOLDSMITH SHUMAC who died on Christmas eve. We wish also to extend our sympathy to Agent MADDY GRIFFIN in the death of her five-year old son, TYRONE... Collector KAULIS spent two weeks before Christmas on the sick book. He is back to work now and feeling fine. LOUISE DREWS is also back to work now after a long illness. Hope you stay healthy for a long time now, Louise...Superintendent JOHN ZUPKO had a week's vacation, but unfortunately spent it with our friend the flu bug...Motorman T. LEE and his wife, CYNTHIA, had a baby girl on September 21 named CARMEN MARIE. Motorman JAMES DAUGHERTY and his wife, EMILY, had a baby boy August 27. Little SEAN DAUGHERTY weighed in at 6 pounds 11 ounces. Congratulations to both couples... ROZENDA MAXIE HAWKINS is buying a home at 101st and Crandon...Welcome to CTA to JOYCE BROWN, whose brother, LOYDE JONES, is a mechanic at Kedzie Garage...BILL PFEIFFER had a great time in Hawaii this past summer and thinks it would be a wonderful trip for other employees. Anyone interested in getting a group together can contact Bill at State & Lake outer. I'm sure he'd be glad to give you all the information...Station Superintendent MIKE VELTRI spent a weekend visiting his daughter and son-in-law in Norfolk, Virginia.

*- Grace Mounts & Katy Moriarty*

RECOGNIZE THIS handsome young man in his CSL uniform? He is none other than Supervisor WALLY WENTZEL, Jefferson Park Terminal, pictured here with his wife and daughter.

**NORTH AVENUE -**

We were happy to have received so many lovely Christmas cards. They came from Operators FLORIAN DWIEL, ED GUNDLACK, J. RICHARDSON, R. SCHOLTEN, GUY DI MEO of Kedzie, DAVE KISSANE of Kedzie, ED MURPHY, AARON AMOS, ART THIEL, ERNEST LOTITO of North Park, Checker FRANK PONZIO, FLORENCE BLAKE, the widow of Pensioner JERRY BLAKE, and South Shops Dispatcher BILL KOSEK. We also received welcome cards and notes from Pensioners JOHN SENKO of Mt. Prospect, Illinois, E. DIETZ of Oak Park, Illinois, RUDY MAU of Phoenix, Arizona, HANS HABBESTAD of Eatonville, Washington, FRENCHY LEMIEUX of Wautoma, Wisconsin, ERNEST BOCK of Elmwood Park, Illinois, LARS PEARSON of Mountain Home, Arkansas, ART MOILANEN of L'Anse, Michigan, JOE HIEBEL, GUS MAY of Winter Haven, Florida, OLIVER WIKRENT of Garden Grove, California, ELMER DEEGAN of Phoenix, Arizona, FRANK COLEMAN of Ormond Beach, Florida, VIGGO WINDFELD, ARMIN KOEHN of Westfield, Wisconsin, JOHN KULLOWITCH, W. STRAUBING of Riverside, Illinois, LEO PLUSKOWSKI of Arkdale, Wisconsin, and BERNARD CALLAHAN. They ask to be remembered to their old friends at North Avenue... The following operators made the Courtesy Caravan Club for November: R. HARRIS, J. SMITH, D. LABOY, J. MOSES, O. JOLLEY, C. McCANTS, R. REED, A. FRENCH, F. WOZNIAK, A. HOWARD, L. WEAVER, T. CARMODY and J. SEYMORE. Those honored for December were: E. FORD, R. REED, C. CHAPMAN, C. TALLEY, J. HODGES, J. HERNANDEZ, H. FIELDS, O. JOLLEY, D. ROSARIO and L. PUTTMAN. Our congratulations to all...It looks as if Supervisor BARNEY WALSH is going in for camping in a big way. He has a 1971 Dodge camper that is really out of this world. He plans to use it on camping trips to Michigan and Wisconsin. Barney and his wife also celebrated 38 years of wedded bliss on June 10. His granddaughter, beautiful, blue-eyed MAUREEN, 15-months old and known as the climber, keeps him young and busy...We are sorry to report that Operator ART PALICKI was confined to Belmont hospital. Operator JOSEPH ROCHOWIAK is on the sick list, and my co-reporter, WALTER BLIX, has been ill. We hope that by the time you read this they will all be well and back with us...We had a December 1 pensioner, WILLIAM LOUBSKY, and four January 1 pensioners, Operator CARL RUSSO, Supervisor CORNELIUS O'SHEA, Operator AL SKONIE and Operator E. FEIEREISEL. We wish them all the best of everything and hope they'll keep in touch...KEN MAKOWSKI, the son of Switchboard Operator

ED MAKOWSKI, was a special MP guard for Bob Hope. He was seen on television January 17 beside Jim Nabors and Hope on their Viet Nam show...Congratulations to Operator HENRY HOWARD and his wife, OPHELIA, who became parents on July 1 when DARRELL was born at Michael Reese hospital...Operator L. VOSS Jr. lost his wife on January 3. Superintendent of Instruction THOMAS STIGLIC lost his father January 16. The mother of Superintendent BOB KEAG of North Avenue and Superintendent LES KEAG of Limits departed this life. Our deepest sympathy is extended to these families. "Absent from the body, present with the Lord."..Operator PETER MADIA is doing well with his fishing school and wants to know why Chief Clerk BILL PINASCO of Forest Glen isn't showing up for his lessons...A letter from Pensioner HANS HABBESTAD and his wife, ELLA, tells us that they are well. In the past year they spent some time at their summer home in Door County, and plan to do so again this year. They stay young by keeping on the move...Pensioner FRANK COLEMAN and his wife, MARIE, wrote some very kind things about our column. They told us that Pensioner BILL KEOUGH lives in Tampa, Florida, and Pensioner BLAA and his spouse live in Pinnellas Park, Florida...Pensioner ART MOILANEN and his better half, BETTY, tell us that he and his brother did some bird and deer hunting and got a big, fat nothing...Pensioner LARS PEARSON and his wife, ANNA, are well. Lars is catching trout on Lake Bull Shoals... North Avenue Depot federal credit union had it's 34th annual membership meeting at LaFollette Park on January 21. Among the guests were: Financial Secretary and Treasurer of Division 241 JAMES PATE; Division 241 Recording Secretary DAN McFADDEN; Supervisor JOHN HOFF, and Information Clerk CHARLES OLCIKAS from the General Office, and his wife, EVE. A group of pensioners were there enjoying talking over old times. They were: MICHAEL PAWLICKI and his wife, HELEN; FRED WEDER; CHARLES W. JOHNSON and his wife, EDNA; WILLIAM MORAN; JOSEPH BEAUMIER; WILLIAM KLOSINSKI; CHESTER NEUGEBAUER; WALTER SCHMIDT; EDWARD FISCHER and his wife, MILDRED, and AUGIE JOHNSON...We wish you all a Blessed Easter. And now, take it away, WALTER...A great big HELLO to everyone from the Inner Sanctum. News for this issue is very meager due to the fact that your reporter spent 15 days in the hospital, with another bit of ticker trouble, and another four weeks at home for recovery. At latest reports, everyone thinks I'm going to live (sorry about that folks). There was one fellow that came up to the hospital receptionist and said he wanted to see me. He was informed that I was in intensive care and was asked if he was a "relative or friend." His answer was, "I'm neither, I'm his BOSS and just wanted to check and make sure he's here." Needless to say, he did get in to visit for a short while. My wife wanted me home for Christmas, so with a little persuasion from the nurses, the doctor agreed to her request and let me out the day before. The nurses claimed their job would be so much easier if I wasn't forever chasing them around the halls. I want to thank everyone for their get-well cards and phone calls. Some of them were real cool, man. I know that my return to work has disrupted the peace and tranquility of the office, but it will make it so much easier for the station superintendents, who have been doing a mighty fine job of keeping things running smoothly during my absence without my moral support...Our request for cards from our readers (it was a little late but don't forget next year) uncovered the fact that there is, by his own admission, a pensioner living in the State of Washington that knows how to read. He must also ski cross-country to mail his letters. This is none other than Herr HANS HABBESTAD. Many thanks to you, Hans, and all the rest of you who took a few precious moments from your busy lives to drop me a card. To mention just a few that I heard from, they were: Operators F. ZAPP and W. WOODS from Forest Glen. They also want to say "howdy" to all their former co-workers at North Avenue, Supervisor S. PERCE and Pensioner CONNIE O'SHEA. Also those two great gals from the General Office, KATHY MOSER and EILEEN NEURAUTER. Kathy, I'm going to have to start taking lessons from Fred Astaire or Arthur Murray. Then, of course, there was this gentleman who was having his little private joke by sending the card to my wife and not telling us anymore about himself than his name. Thank you, W. MURBACH, but you won't remain a mystery man much longer. I have already started an investigation that will reveal your identity...Operator RAY ZIELINSKI would have given anything if there had been streetcar tracks in Cicero avenue when he came to visit me. I'm sure he would have brought old No. 144 down from the Illinois Railway Museum at Union, Illinois...Clerk JACK HESTER was so afraid that his family would want him to go out and chop down a Christmas tree next year (if they had seen the one we cut down this year), that he refused to allow them to get out of that sharp Pontiac station wagon they have. You're doing a great job of keeping it waxed, NOREEN! He only came by to drop off some calendars (1971 ?). Come again when you can stay longer...We enjoyed talking over old times with Pensioner HERB GRABE, formerly of Forest Glen, who was here from his home in Arizona. Our deepest sympathy to Herb in the recent loss of his wife...March is the month that an awful lot of GOOD people celebrate their birthdays. Among them being my wife, VIRGINIA, happy birthday, dear; Mrs. PEGGY KOCAR, the wife of Instructor MARVIN KOCAR; Clerks ED WITEK and BOB (story teller) WITTENBERG; Pensioner ED McDERMOTT; the wonder boy of Forest Glen, BILL (don't call me Wilbur) HENRY, and Grandma NEUMANN, the mother-in-law of Archer Station Superintendent BILL MOSER. A very happy birthday to you all!..The month of April is when we get around to celebrating Easter. Along with its religious significance, it is also a day for the showing off of new spring clothes, unless we wind up with a lot of snow and cold weather. It's also a day of bunny rabbits, colored eggs, to say nothing of the chocolate and marshmallow variety. Let's not forget some of the tummy aches that go with all these goodies. April is also the month that Operator ROCKY MALFESE, Forest Glen, celebrates his birthday, along with one of the sweetest little girls we know, MARIANNE KOCAR. She's not quite into her teens, but she is without a doubt a very sympathetic and gentle little lady. Just a short note, written in her own school girl scrawl, hoping for my recovery, and promising to say a prayer to speed up the process. This is enough to make anybody get well a lot quicker. Thank you, Marianne, and many happy returns of the day. All I want from you is the promise that you will always stay as sweet as you are.

*- William Miedema & Walter Bliz*

**NORTH PARK -**

Operators, let's all try to comply with our parking privileges. We are fortunate to have room for parking and a little consideration of the following rules will be appreciated. Use one space only and park in the areas according

to time schedules...North Park's annual credit union meeting was held on January 9 at River Park Fieldhouse where a fine report was delivered by Treasurer JOHN O'BRIEN. The officers declared a dividend of 6 per cent on savings and all members are urged to bring in their books so that they may be brought up to date. FRANK LASKE was elected to the credit committee for a three-year term, while TONY BRUNO and ED GOETTERT were elected to the board of directors. Refreshments were served and the following won door prizes: HELEN COSGROVE, ISABEL GOETTERT, ANN LITTAU, BEVERLY KURCZEWSKI, EUNICE SMALL, ANN WISNIEWSKI, ASTRID ABERNATHY, Pensioners EMERY HAYDEN, JULIUS MERSCH, MARTIN BAKKA, WALLACE BRADLEY, ROBERT BROWN, JOHN KACZAR, STANLEY ZALE, Operators HENRY SCHRAMM, HENRY LABAYEN, HOMER REED, SID HUTNICK, BEN NEUMAN, WILLARD FRIEB, IRVING RICHMAN, Bus Transferer JAMES RENTSCHLER and Division 241 President WARREN SCHOLL. Our congratulations to Treasurer John O'Brien and his assistants, Tony Bruno and DALE PETERS, for a very efficient job... Superintendent ALEX JOHNSON, EDWARD BRODD and WILLIAM PARNUM would like to take this opportunity to thank the operators at North Park for making 1971 the best year we have had in accident reduction...Pensioner HARVEY GEHMAN and his wife, INGEBORG, were in Chicago for their annual visit with their children, TED, HELEN and MARIE. Harvey has purchased a new home and is now living in Spring Grove, Minnesota, and invites his many friends to stop by and visit with them...Pensioner GEORGE VOIGHT and his wife, BEA, have moved from Chicago and are now located at Box 75, Sunsites, Pearce, Arizona 85625...Operator BOB KREMER and his wife became the proud parents of a daughter named KATHLEEN ELIZABETH born on January 2 weighing 8 pounds 3 ounces...JOHN THELIN, the son of Operator HENRY THELIN, was a member of the Hi Ridge Chargers football team which has gone undefeated for three years. The team was invited to play in a bowl game in Orlando, Florida, against one of the top teams in the state. The boys had bad luck in their contest and lost the game but enjoyed their stay in Florida. . . Operator FRANK VON SCHWEDLER, who is North Park's renowned bowler, did it again when he "Beat the Champ" with a scratch score of 601, and a handicap total of 668...Happy anniversaries are extended to the following: Operator JOE SCALETTA and his wife, DOREEN, their 14th; Operator HENRY NEUMAN and his wife, LEONA, their 40th; Operator MEL HORNING and his wife, VIOLET, their 34th; Operator ARTHUR OLSON and his wife, LENORE, their 32nd; Operator ED ZIENTARA and his wife, ROSE, their 36th; Operator ROGER AYOTTE and his wife, HELEN, their 13th; Pensioner JOHN KARASEK and his wife, LILLIAN, their 42nd; Supervisor ROY RIPKA and his wife, IRIS, their 8th; Assistant Superintendent EDWARD BRODD and his wife, ANN, their 35th, and Utility Chauffeur JOHN MILLER and his wife, ROZIA, their 38th...Happy birthdays are extended to the following: Operators IRVING WEINER, ARMAND DELGADILLO, JOSEPH GUZZARDO, SEYMOUR STEINBERG, ED NEWTON, CHARLES KEMP, GARY NOONAN, NICK GASPER, and IRIS RIPKA, WALTER LINDEMANN, GARY KEMP, FRANCES NEWTON, SHIRLEY PAOLI, JULIA ZAHN, LINDA DIEDIER, MIKE SCHRAMM, MIN SEIFERT, Receiver BILL CERKAN and BONNIE NEUMAN...Operator CHARLES SCHOEWER began his pensioned life on January 1 while Operator IRVING WEINER started his on February 1. Charles worked P.M. runs on Western avenue. Irving was our ambassador of good will on the Lunt-Touhy route. We at North Park wish these two gentlemen many years of health and happiness in their golden years...Operator LARRY SHIELDS will be sorely missed around the depot as he is now working in the mail room at the Merchandise Mart. Our best to Larry in his new position... Pensioner ART MUIR portrayed his role of Santa Claus for the fifth year in Forsyth, Missouri, where he passed out presents and candy to the children. The Muirs were awarded first prize for the outstanding job that they did with their outdoor Christmas decorations around their house and yard... Operator JON CORBITT became a father for the first time when his wife, LOIS, gave birth to a son named JON SCOTT, born November 5 at St. Francis hospital weighing 7 pounds 7 ounces...Repair Department Chit Chat: Repairmen WALTER HALLFORD and JAMES MARTIN began their pensions on January 1. Walter with 36 years and James with 30 years of service, will be relaxing and doing some traveling around. . . On vacations at this time are the following: FRANK SIBLEY, PAUL SCHREVES, FRANK SCHENDLE, ART CARLSON, DANIEL SPARKS, GENE DRZEWICKI, BILL STAUNTON, JOE MAREK, AL KALISZ and ROBERT BOTH...The welcome mat is extended to Repairman MICHAEL SALVAGGIO and Servicemen MICHAEL ROWBOTTOM and RANDOLPH TRACY.

*- Melvin Herning*

**NORTH SECTION -**

The new system pick and regular section pick for all trainmen, agents, janitors and clerks, has resulted in many changes. Many old familiar faces have transferred and many new faces are being seen on the North Side. Good luck to those who transferred, and welcome to the new ones... Our sincere condolences to the family of Janitor RAMOS whose mother passed away, and to the family of Motorman J. CONNOR who lost his 17-year old granddaughter in an auto accident...Our get well wishes go to Agent ROSE McANDREWS, who is in Alexian Brothers hospital. Also get well wishes to Superintendent of Agents J. W. BRUCKER who has the flu and a strep throat, and to Agent STELLA GIBES who had surgery and is now at home. ..Agent GLENDA LYLES was feted with a birthday party by other agent friends. Glenda won't tell how many candles were on the cake... The following North Side clerks had January vacations: Chief Clerk ANDY BIANCHINI had a long weekend in Miami; RIC LANGLOIS had a week in New York City, while ERWIN HARMON had a good old vacation in Chicago. The king of them all was WALKER BALK, who began five weeks in December. Walker went to Texas, Mexico, and--where else but Acapulco with temperatures of 70 and 80 degrees while we all froze. Some guys have all the luck...TOM GUNN, North Side assignment clerk, has been on the sick list for quite some time. We all wish him a speedy recovery... Motorman JAMES QUON took a few days off and went to Colorado Springs. Jimmy said it was beautiful with all the snow and the clear warm air...Our get well wishes to the mother of Janitor JOHN McCONVILLE and Agent BETTY FIFE. Mrs. McCONVILLE underwent major surgery at Ravenswood hospital...Clerk JIM DOUGHERTY had a one-week vacation, but stayed in Chicago catching up on things to do at home...Talk about the luck of the Irish--Superintendent BILL ROONEY sure has it! He just had another vacation and Christmas was also his birthday. Because of the holiday, plus his birthday, he had two days off. Then his 28th company anniversary fell during his vacation. This was another day off, then New Year's

# RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYES

JOSEPH BAGNOLE, 87, North Section,
Emp. 8-22-10, Died 12-4-71
FRANCES BRANDL, 73, Loop,
Emp. 1-16-24, Died 12-25-71
SAM BULICH, 86, Way & Structures,
Emp. 7-9-27, Died 12-3-71
JOHN M. BYDON, 72, North Avenue,
Emp. 2-8-27, Died 12-4-71
THOMAS CAREY, 88, North Avenue,
Emp. 5-14-07, Died 12-31-71
THERON R. CARSON, 74, Beverly,
Emp. 1-10-19, Died 12-29-71
JOHN CASEY, 56, North Avenue,
Emp. 1-7-46, Died 1-12-72
JOHN D. COATES, 99, 69th Street,
Emp. 9-25-06, Died 12-1-71
MILAN CVYANOVICH, 83, Douglas Park,
Emp. 11-9-13, Died 12-8-71
ANDREW J. CZUBA, 63, Skokie Shops,
Emp. 8-20-45, Died 12-18-71
LUIGI DiCRISTOFANO, 88, Kedzie,
Emp. 1-19-44, Died 1-5-72
LESTER F. FERRIS, 71, North Section,
Emp. 6-27-28, Died 12-28-71
HARRY C. ITTER, 78, North Section,
Emp. 5-3-44, Died 12-2-71
PATRICK F. KERWIN, 67, North Avenue,
Emp. 9-10-23, Died 12-5-71
ALEXANDER KUKURAITIS, 84, South Shops,
Emp. 3-29-23, Died 12-6-71
THOMAS LEAHY, 67, North Avenue,
Emp. 8-22-29, Died 12-24-71
JULIUS LEGARDY, 57, Archer,
Emp. 7-3-51, Died 1-10-72
IGNATUS C. MARJANEK, 80, West Shops,
Emp. 10-27-22, Died 12-11-71
ARTHUR B. McREE, 86, Legal,
Emp. 6-27-27, Died 12-6-71
JAMES E. McTIGUE, 61, Engineering,
Emp. 7-13-42, Died 1-3-72
JOHN J. OCHOTA, 63, Archer,
Emp. 9-2-43, Died 12-31-71
THOMAS R. O'HARA, 76, Forest Glen,
Emp. 11-4-13, Died 12-5-71
DENNIS V. O'KEEFE, 81, Kedzie,
Emp. 3-31-23, Died 11-22-71
PAUL PAYNE, 78, 77th Street,
Emp. 2-1-26, Died 12-30-71
ANTHONY A. POSTEL, 73, 77th Street,
Emp. 11-6-23, Died 12-17-71
FERDINAND PROROK, 48, Electrical,
Emp. 3-26-47, Died 1-16-72
MARGARET E. QUEENAN, 79, West Section,
Emp. 11-20-26, Died 12-6-71
GLEN F. RENTFROW, 65, Archer,
Emp. 8-25-42, Died 12-26-71
BENNETT F. ROGLIN, 72, Building,
Emp. 6-15-39, Died 11-19-71
HELEN RYAN, 74, West Section,
Emp. 4-17-39, Died 12-4-71
FRANK P. SAMP, 86, Lincoln,
Emp. 2-9-12, Died 12-26-71
ALBERT C. SCHARF, 60, West Section,
Emp. 3-3-42, Died 1-5-72
MICHAEL J. SCHULTZ, 65, North Park,
Emp. 6-1-27, Died 12-12-71
GERARDO SIPARI, 85, West Section,
Emp. 7-22-26, Died 12-27-71
ARNETT A. SMITH, 73, North Section,
Emp. 4-21-20, Died 12-20-71
CATHERINE SMITH, 71, West Section,
Emp. 9-28-22, Died 12-21-71
THOMAS A. STEWART, 78, South Section,
Emp. 11-24-17, Died 12-16-71
GABRIEL THEODORE, 83, South Shops,
Emp. 5-19-43, Died 9-25-71
ARTHUR M. WASHINGTON, 55, West Section,
Emp. 6-14-51, Died 12-13-71
CHARLES ZELOWITZ, 85, Track,
Emp. 7-16-27, Died 10-2-71

day came and this gave him another day off. So he really had a long vacation, during which time he went to Bloomington to visit his son and daughter-in-law. Now we know why Bill is so pure. It's because his birthday is on Christmas...In a recent article in the Chicago Tribune, Reporter Carol Kleiman, who writes about the working woman, spent a day working as a ticket agent at Grand and State under the tutorship of Agents BRIDGET MULKERRIN and ART LUCKY. Her article was very well written, and was praiseworthy of all agents. She stated that after her day at the ticket window, all agents, every single one, is a hero. Our thanks to Miss Kleiman for giving praise and recognition to our agents...The following had birthdays in January: Janitors WARDELL LEE and LUTHER STOKES, Agents DELORES JONES, CAROL GREEN STEVENSON, LILLY WILLIS, THELMA ZINNIGER and DOROTHY HARRIS. Happy birthday to all.

- *Tina Henke*

**OPERATIONS (Transportation) -**

JULIE WILLEM flew to Mexico to spend the Christmas holidays with her son and daughter-in-law. They visited with many friends, drove to Mexico City to visit the Archeological Museum, and also saw the Pyramids of the Sun and the Moon. The weather was beautiful; sunny and about 85 degrees every day. It was a wonderful week and was enjoyed by all...On January 1, Line Supervisor RUSSELL ELDERKIN retired from CTA with 45 years of service. We all wish him a very happy and healthy retirement...Our sympathy is extended to THOMAS and MATT STIGLIC whose father, MATE, who retired from the Chicago Surface Lines 26 years ago as a track foreman, passed away on January 16. The funeral mass was said at St. Benedict church at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 19. We would also like to extend our condolences to the family of OTTO BRUEBACH, retired assistant superintendent from Kedzie Station, who passed away on January 15. Sincerest sympathy is extended to Relief Superintendent THOMAS A. HILDEBRANT, Districts C & D, whose brother, KENNETH, recently passed away.

**(Utility and Emergency Service) -**

Heading for warmer climates on vacations were Mr. and Mrs. WALTER SWAIN who went to sunny Florida, and Mr. and Mrs. PAT PORCELIUS who traveled to Acapulco, Mex-

ico, and Las Vegas. Vacationing during the Christmas holidays were LARRY HEISE, JOE HAAS, RICHARD MURPHY and JULIUS KUTA...Pensioner PETE CARPINO visited Blue Island before leaving for a four-month stay in Florida. I think a few people were jealous and envied him... Pfc. MICHAEL T. ROCHE, the son of JAMES J. ROCHE, was named trooper of the month from the 2nd Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division. He is now stationed at Phu Bai, Viet Nam...Our condolences are extended to the family of CHESTER ZAKE who passed away suddenly.

**(Equipment Research & Development) -**

After a lot of talking, MARY VENEZIA finally convinced her husband, FRANK, that Spain was the place for them to spend their vacation. They began their trip by flying direct to Malaga, the Costa DeSol. They went to Alhambra in Granada, the nicest place on the entire trip, and stopped at a number of small villages in the Sierra Nevada mountains and got to see what the real Spaniards were like. From Alcerias they traveled by Hydrofoil to Tangiers. Here they went for a camel ride and found everything rather old fashioned. Adding something different was having one of their meals at the Casbar. The weather was ideal—a comfortable 75 degrees every day. There was a lot of sightseeing and picture-taking. Both Mary and Frank had a wonderful time and would like to go there again. Of course, like any other vacation, it was much too short.

*- Colette Szczepanek*

**PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -**

In the mail the other day our department received a wonderful letter from Boys Town, U.S.A., as a result of our donation to the school. Rather than send Christmas cards to one another in the department, we took the money we would have spent on postage and cards and sent it on its way to Boys Town. We were thanked for our gift to them and assured that the money would be spent for something they were in need of at the school. Even though Christmas cards are nice to receive, I am sure the thank-you letter from Boys Town was appreciated more by everyone in the department...A big hello is extended to IRENE KLEIN who became stenographer I in the Specifications Department. Good luck in your new job...KATHY BRADY, who was unassigned and working in Specifications, has accepted a job as stenographer I in the Engineering Department. Sorry to see you go, Kathy...FRANK MAGUIRE, Specifications, and his wife became grandparents for the sixth time when their daughter, BARBARA, gave birth to DAVID HECKLER in December. Congratulations to all of you...Back from her two-week vacation in Nashville, Tennessee, where she visited with her parents, BECKY COUSIN has only one thing to say, "Beautiful."..JILL MISE, Specifications, spent the Christmas holidays with her parents visiting relatives in Orlando, Florida. They went to Disney World on the busiest day so far. There were 69,500 people there which helped to create quite a crowd...We were sorry to hear that ED AHLBRAND, Specifications Department, is on the sick list. Hope to see you back at work and feeling fine real soon, Ed...Congratulations to MARY BETH MURRAY, Purchasing, and JERRY MROZ, Internal Auditing, on their engagement. They are planning an October wedding...PHIL MELLENDER, laborer, South Shops, and a prominent member of the "Over the Hill Gang" of South Shops, is on a three-week vacation in Florida...We are sorry to report that TOM RYAN, stock clerk I, is off sick. Hope you are feeling better real soon, Tom!..There was a surprise birthday party in honor of JIM WHITTLEY, stock clerk I, and the big question at South Shops for a week was "Guess Who's Coming To Dinner?" The only answer that we received was STEVE ZAHORA. Hope your birthday was happy, Jim...Condolences are expressed to BILL NOVAK and his family in the loss of his brother...As hard as it is to admit a mistake, we must do just that. In the November-December, 1971 issue we referred to GRANVILLE (Chico) CHEATHAM as a laborer. Chico is a stock clerk I with the Stores Department. We have now corrected our mistake and we hope that all the ticket agents that work with Chico's wife take note of it...FRANK RUND, retired stock clerk II, returned to 78th & Vincennes for a surprise visit. Frank is reported as looking very well...A big welcome is extended to ALBERT MEEKS and DONALD POWELL, stock clerk I's, at South Shops...We are glad to see HANK BRANDENBURG, stock clerk I, back at work and feeling fine. Also WAYMOND COBB, laborer, has returned to work after a long illness. Hope you are feeling better...BERNARD FITZPATRICK, stock clerk II, is back from his vacation. Bernie reports that his vacation was spent putting his home back in shape...Happy birthday to CHARLIE BENNETT, stock clerk, who was 41 this month...HAROLD ENRIGHT, Storeroom 42, reports that his grandson enlisted in the Army on January 27 for three years...JOHN GILL and I would like to thank the following employees in the Stores Department for their cooperation in helping us obtain news during 1971. They are: HELEN SLATTERY, DOROTHY DOLJANIN, GRANVILLE CHEATHAM, RALPH PODGORSKI, PAUL JANKOWSKI, and STANLEY HALL. These fine people are located at South Shops, Skokie Shops, and Storeroom 20. Thanks for your cooperation!

*- Cecilia Trucco & John Gill*

**RAPID TRANSIT MAINTENANCE TERMINALS -**

Congratulations to Pensioner JOHN J. SLOVACEK, who was a recent recipient of the Certificate of Merit from the Village of Lombard. The certificate was presented to John in recognition of his service to the village and for his contributions to the civic welfare...Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to M. HEIL and A. SCHNELL, Wilson, who are on the sick list...Welcome to new Car Servicemen J. MARTINEK, J. SMITH and R. GLOVER Jr. from all the boys at Wilson...Our sympathy to FRANK HOLTON, Dan Ryan, and his family in the passing of their grandmother who resided in Louise, Mississippi...A luxurious vacation was enjoyed by the JOHN KOGER family, Dan Ryan. Topping off the vacation was a trip to Detroit, Michigan, and a stay at the Conrad Hilton hotel...A mid-winter vacation was enjoyed by A. DICKETT and R. DAVIS, Dan Ryan...Congratulations to BILL (Skinny) THORNTON, who was victorious in the weight race between himself and QUINTON BONDS.

*- Ray Brzeczek*

**SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -**

Seven people, G. JOHANNES, J. DeGRAZIA, S. DeSALVO, ED HILL, J. FITZGERALD, J. LAZZARA, and R. GUNTHER, totalling 254 years of service, retired from the Schedule-Traffic Department on January 1. G. Johannes started with the rapid transit as a traffic clerk in 1927, schedule clerk in 1936, and then schedule maker from 1950 till he retired, a total of 44 years of service. Joe DeGrazia

AFTER 39 years with CTA and CSL, CHARLES M. SMITH can't seem to get transit out of his blood. Now living in Arcadia, California, he recently attended the groundbreaking for an exclusive busway for Southern California Rapid Transit District and is shown with RTD General Manager Jack R. Gilstrap. Charles retired from the Insurance Department in 1965.

started as a traffic checker in 1928, traffic clerk in 1936, schedule clerk in 1939, supervisor of traffic clerks in 1944, and schedule maker in 1944, a total of 43 years of service. S. DeSalvo started with the Chicago Motor Coach as a schedule clerk in 1929, and then came to CTA as a schedule clerk in 1953, and then a schedule maker in 1961, a total of 42 years of service. Ed Hill started as a traffic checker in 1935, clerk in the Transportation Department in 1942, traffic clerk in 1943, and as a schedule clerk in 1944 until his disability retirement on December 1 after 36 years of service. J. Fitzgerald started as an operator in 1940, traffic checker in 1962, and a traffic clerk in 1970 with a total of 31 years of service. J. Lazzara started in the Track Department in 1941, became an operator in 1942, and then traffic checker in 1967 with a total of 30 years of service. R. Gunther started as motorman and bus operator in 1943, and then a traffic checker in 1968 with a total of 28 years of service. Good luck to all of you...MARY ANN COX has resigned to await the stork. Good luck and good health, Mary Ann...E. WROBEL flew to Fort Myers, Florida, to soak in some sunshine...J. BRENNAN, outside checker, and his family drove to Sarasota, Florida, to spend the holidays with his family...WALTER THOMAS and his wife flew to Europe where they rented a car and visited Switzerland, Austria, Italy, Germany and France...J. LARKIN, outside checker, is in the hospital. We wish you a speedy recovery...WALTER SCHWEINFURTH is in the hospital undergoing tests. We all wish you a very speedy recovery, Wally... The department extends its sympathy to PHILIP LEAHY in the death of his mother.

*- Kathryn Batina*

**SKOKIE SHOPS -**

STANLEY RAVEN, electrical worker, and his wife, DOROTHY, are the proud grandparents of JENNIFER ANN RAVEN, born on December 26 at St. Anne's hospital weighing 11 pounds 5 ounces. The parents are DANIEL and PEGGY RAVEN...WILLIAM BUERGER, electrical worker, is the proud owner of a new Chevrolet. Lots of luck, Bill... ANDREW RUSINAK, electrical worker, is in Swedish Covenant hospital. Hurry back, Andy...JOSEPH P. BUTERA, electrical worker, is sporting a new 1972 Oldsmobile Toronado. Hope you and yours enjoy many rides...JOHN ODDO, electrical worker, is the happy owner of a 1972 Volkswagen camper. Lots of nice camping trips, John...DENNIS WINNICK, shopman II, is home nursing a cut left forearm which he suffered at work. Here's hoping you heal fast, Denny...Welcome back to work to all the employees who were off sick at the start of the New Year.

*- Everett E. England*

**SOUTH SHOPS -**

Congratulations to JAMES HAWORTH, Technical Services Division, on his appointment as senior technical services technician. Jim replaced CHARLIE SHREEVE who passed away...Members of the Technical Services Division family would like to welcome Co-Op Trainee JIM STEWART to the department. Jim is completing his engineering studies at Illinois Institute of Technology...Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES P. STARR celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, December 26. A dinner and party was held in their honor at the Old Prague restaurant in Cicero, and attended by many friends and relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Starr are the parents of CHARLIE STARR, electrical worker, Section D, Area 317. Mr. Starr Sr. retired as chief clerk at Kedzie Depot...FRED JACOBI, Area 312, and his wife, JOANN, became proud parents for the second time when FRED Jr. was born on November 17 weighing 9 pounds 5 ounces. They also have a daughter, JODI, eight years old. LEONARD WIENCEK, shop clerk, and his wife, LENORE, became proud parents for the second time to a bouncing 6 pound 10 ounce baby boy by the name of DANIEL LEONARD on December 23, making a delightful Christmas present for Lenny. Lenny and Lenore also have a daughter, JILL CHRISTINE... The South Shops would like to extend best wishes and good luck to TONY SPATAFORE, shop inspector who retired on January 1. Tony, we miss you already...Congratulations to AL SAMASKA Jr. who became a machinist journeyman on January 14...Your co-reporter, ELAINE, spent seven beautiful days in New York for the holidays sightseeing and partying at night. The weather was beautiful and my family was wonderful. I visited the Statue of Liberty, United Nations building, Empire State building, went to New Jersey shopping, and saw lots more, including two plays on Broadway. And for the rockers, I saw Wilson Pickett at the Apollo. Yes, you guess right, I really need a vacation to catch up on my sleep...On December 17 the South Shops held their Christmas party at the Manzart House. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal and lots of dancing afterwards. The highlight of the Ball was when Santa Claus appeared and passed out goodies to everyone. And guess who Santa was--our good old electrician AL SAMASKA of Area 349 who is always keeping the office lit up (with light). He really came to the party lit up--oops, I goofed--I do mean lit the party up. Al, thanks for the help, you were a wonderful Santa Claus. Everyone enjoyed themselves and we hope to see you next year...DON NORD, the son of ROBERT NORD, foreman of the Converter Department, and JUDY McGOVERN were married on December 11 in the United Methodist church in Gilbert, Arizona. After a short honeymoon they will go back to Northern Arizona university in Flagstaff where they met. Judy will finish her studies to get a BA degree, and Don will get his BS degree in Geology and will work toward a business degree. Bob and his wife were there for the wedding, and stayed over for Christmas and soaked up a lot of sunshine...Mr. and Mrs. MERLIN WASHACK became the proud parents of a baby girl weighing 5 pounds 6 ounces born at St. Francis hospital in Blue Island on November 28. ..After spending Christmas day with their children, RICHARD E. ZAJAC, Area 351, and his wife, MARGIE, boarded a United Air Lines 747 and flew to Los Angeles, California,

to spend an enjoyable winter vacation with relatives. Among the highlights were the Parade of Roses and Rose Bowl game in Pasadena on New Year's day, plus visits to San Francisco, Palm Springs, Las Vegas, and Disneyland.

*- Elaine Stewart & Ernie Johnson*

**WEST SECTION -**

My partner, LOU PAYNE, and I would like to apologize for not writing too often, but we aren't literary giants and it is difficult to put one word after another. We promise that we will write more often...Our Christmas party was a huge success under the leadership of Lou Payne. Archie Bunker was right, they do take over right away. Last year I was the leader, but this year I was just the helper. Without Lou it probably would have been a flop. There was chicken and ham and many other goodies, and everyone had enough to eat which was better than last year. We even gave SAM JONES, the Archie of the "Soul Brothers", a chicken leg. He was one who didn't receive anything last year. Let's hope we made some amends...Our sick list was pretty long, but we now have JERRY BOYLAN, Reverend GEORGE CLARK, and JIMMY HOOD back to work and looking good. Now if we can get TINY ROBERTSON and CHARLEY LOUGHRAN to return we can get back to normal...We were saddened to hear of the death of AL SCHARF who died while on his way to work. We will all miss him as he was a very fine gentleman. Our deepest condolences to his wife and family...I just returned from a week's vacation which I spent painting and trying to defrost the water pipes that froze during that severe cold spell. I can honestly say that I was glad to get back to work...Our coffee club is much better since LEROY HASLIM and JOHN CIMMERER started to help out. They are regular Simon Legrees. Their favorite saying is, "No dime, no coffee", and it works out great. We have reached the $1,000 mark, so thanks to all. Now if we can only get RUDY PTACIN to drink some. ROBERT L. CRAWFORD says Rudy is frugal with his money, and Rudy says he likes hot chocolate. So we will have to buy some hot chocolate so we can get some of his money. ..Hold it a second, my wife just gave me a big kiss for being quiet this evening...My motorman, MIKE BELLEZZO, is going on a three-week vacation. Let's hope he will come back a little cheerier. To Mrs. Bellezzo, will you quit sending Mike to Dominicks for all those Italian goodies. He is getting quite chubby...Our three smiling clerks, KUKOWINSKI, MONTGOMERY, and SORENSON are back, and they would make Ed Sullivan look good. The only time they smile is when EVELYN LA SCHANE is working at Lake Street. She is a darling, wonderful, sweet person, and I hope this makes up for all the terrible things I said about her...The other day the conversation turned to our pensioners. We were wondering what happened to all these fine gentlemen. So all you pensioners come out and see us and show your handsome faces...We extend birthday greetings to these famous men who were born in January: J. LONGO, T. McCORMACK, E. G. RUSSELL, H. YOUNG, D. WILSON, E. G. HAYES, T. CULHANE, M. MARSHALL, and last but not least, little old me, SANTO SICILIANO, who turned 39 but feels like 52...Motorman G. MORTER, who was born in the British Honduras, says it is always warm there. After that 15 degree below zero weather, we would all like to go there with him. Guess what, he likes it here!..Before I forget, my son gave me a wine-making kit. So from now on I will be the little old winemaker...I am closing this column with a few words to my friend, LOU PAYNE, that if he doesn't write the next column he will end up in a trunk...So ending with a happy note, you all be good, you hear.

*- Santo Siciliano & Lou Payne*

**52ND STREET -**

We have come to a sad time in our lives as we are losing two of our hard working union representatives, CHARLES O'KANE and ERNEST A. HILL. Since I'm relatively a newcomer to 52nd Street, I had to get some help in preparing this outline on our two board members from L. GARMONY, D. GARNER and T. M. PHILPOTT. Ernie started his career with the Surface Lines on January 18, 1944, and there is hardly anyone at CTA who doesn't know him. If you heard a voice say "scrub" or "bandito", you knew it was Ernie. If someone needed good sound advice, it came from Ernie. If someone was down in the dumps and wanted a bit of cheer and laughter, all he had to do was to be around Ernie. He served as our board member since 1956 and was the first black man so elected to serve in our local division. Another distinction is that Ernie was also the first black man to be elected as a vice-president of our union. He has served many long hours in behalf of all of us and never hesitated in fighting for a good cause. He certainly was the best of the lot. Ernie thrives on activity, and it was through him that our credit union was organized 12 years ago. He served unselfishly as the assistant treasurer and has been our president since 1963 and was reelected this year, too. And last, but not least, Ernie shoots a mean pool cue. He will be missed, but never forgotten. Good luck, Ernie, and may you enjoy the very best of everything...Charles O'Kane, better known to all in our garages and repair departments as CHOLLY "O", has been a board member of Division 241, representing the repair department, since 1946, and has worked for CTA and its predecessors for 42 years. As a union representative it will be extremely difficult to fill his shoes. He has brought about many changes, all for the better, in the Repair Department. We certainly hope that he will be retained as an advisor to Division 241 for the Repair Department. We also hope that he and his wife will have many years of happy retirement life. So long, Cholly "O"!..Operators ALVIN DAVIS and LOUARD CRUMBAUGH have joined the ranks of the retired...Operator BILL BURNS has just returned from a Florida vacation. The highlight of his trip was a visit to Disney World...Congratulations to Operator and Mrs. EUGENE CANNON on the birth of a baby boy, SHAWN, born on January 5 weighing 7 pounds 1 ounce. Mother and child are doing fine...Our deepest sympathy to Operator HARVEY BEALE Jr. and his family in the death of his mother, Mrs. MINNIE L. BEALE...Say, all of you good operators, make sure you stay off that emergency alarm button. We're getting a lot of false alarms. If you do step on it by accident, call the dispatcher right away.

*- John L. Hudson*

**69TH STREET -**

Instructor ROY WILSON returned to Archer Station, and Instructor J. JOHNSON came back to his old hunting grounds here at 69th Street. Instructor WILLIAM GUTHRIS has been working here at 69th Street. We don't see too much of Instructor SWANSON as he has been filling in as a relief superintendent at various stations. The one day he was back in uniform, we had a big, hard-earned rooney.

Naturally he took credit for it, but he still wouldn't buy coffee...Instructor ROSS is trying to lose weight, and is getting his diet rules from O'DONNELL of all people. So now these two fatties tell me that on bad days we drivers do a good job and drive like professionals and wish we did it all the time...It is always hard to say goodbye to our friends that have been called by the silent reaper. We extend our sincere sympathy to the families and loved ones of TOM GEARY and MARTIN REEDY, to CASIMIR URBIK in the loss of his father-in-law. CHARLES POWERS, and to JEFF and JOE SILAS McKENNIE in the loss of their father. May they all rest in peace...JESSE FLOWERS was hospitalized due to an automobile accident; W. K. MOBLEY suffered a heart attack, and ED BEHRENS sprained an ankle just before going on vacation. By the way, Ed flew first class to Chattanooga, Tennessee, but had his wife fly at a $30 cheaper rate...G. STEPHENS has returned to work after being off sick for two weeks...ROBERT JEROZAL's daughter, SHARON ELLIOT, was hospitalized and needed blood...We wish a speedy recovery to B. VEHLING and WALLY GROCH and all the others who are off sick at this time...J. DAVIDSON and his wife recently celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary. They have eight grandchildren. ..RICHARD BELL just has to be the most polite and courteous driver on Ashland avenue. He even helps bus operators get on...I saw former Operator HILEY (big bad) BELL driving a truck for Schwartz Paper company and he looked great...Our two newlyweds, HANK RISCH and J. J. DUBINSKI, are doing fine. In fact, Hank says he has an oversupply of energy pills and will sell them to the highest bidder...Word is out that Box Puller DAVE MacGOWAN will never watch the Miami Dolphins again. Why, Dave?..ED STEFFAN was given a nice Christmas present when an envelope with a lot of green in it was returned to him unclaimed...JESSE DANIELS won't snitch on SAM or SLAY to Mama Beb Lums as to what happened to her friend, Mr. Jim Beam, at Christmas...TONY VANDERBERG vacationed in Fort Lauderdale, Florida..."Choo-Choo" FRALE flew to Naples, Florida, to look over his plantation. He held on to his rosary all the way and said they couldn't hijack a train to Cuba...Loader J. BARKER said that his buddy, C. BIRD, spent a rainy two weeks at Christmas time in California, then brought zero and snow here when he returned...A sight to see is GENE HOWE getting into that Colt automobile he bought...It was a great pleasure to escort J. C. NYMAN's wife to the elevated one day...Clerk L. HELINSKI has joined the ranks of the retired after 29 years of service...W. T. YEATMAN, former operator and box puller, is enjoying life in Hammond, Indiana...SAM VALLONI can be seen driving the suburban bus on Cicero avenue...DAVE BARNES wonders if retired chief clerk ART LIPPHARDT remembers him..."Red" GREEN, our chief custodian of out-houses, took his pension. BILL LEWIS, PEYTON, BECKER, ROONEY, HELINSKI, RAJ, MARSHALL and WODARCZYK gave him a big send off with Polish sausage instead of corned beef...Pensioner BILL JOHNSON now lives in Fayetteville, North Carolina, at 1201 Rainbow court. Other pensioners I see are: GEORGE GRINDLER, BERT MIRABELLA, DANNY BROWN, GALE RUSKA, and GEORGE WHITE running errands for his daughter. Also MIKE DWYER. DON TETLOW asked me to tell Pensioner BILL CAVANAUGH to stop by his place and say hello. Many happy years to them, including HERMAN JAMES, S. CHAMBERS, PETE O'REILLY, and LEO GLOMBICKI...We wish CHARLIE KUBAL well on his new assignment as night foreman at Lawndale Station, and to WILLIE COOPER who took his place at 69th Street. Also good luck to TERRY SHORT, relief foreman at 52nd Street. KENNY COELYN and T. STAMPER transferred to 69th Street as repairman and bus serviceman...V. ONDRIAS went fishing in sunny Florida, while JIMMY LEE played Santa Claus on his vacation. R. SHEPP traveled through the South, and BERNIE McBRIDE was just looking for a restful vacation...Congratulations to D. MALANEY who joined the police force, then the army...TOM TWOMEY now lives in Colorado Springs, Colorado. His address is 2890 S. Circle drive, Lot 317. He wishes that anyone out that way will stop by and pay him a visit. It is just grand there...It took a lot of doing, but J. J. MOLNAR and I finally made a believer out of L. G. DAKE...Fellows, if you moved or are not receiving your Transit News, be sure to notify me or fill out a change of address form. It costs quite a bit to send out the magazine, and double if it is returned...God bless all of you.

*- Art Buesing & Jimmy Ahern*

**77TH STREET -**

As I begin my fourth year as the reporter for 77th Street, I would like to thank the fellows who have cooperated by contributing news for the column. However, I am expecting news from every household--birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, weddings, birth announcements, and other news items which you would like to see in print. Please let us hear from you...Congratulations to all of you. We again beat our complaint and commendation par for the month of December, and again we will have coffee "on the house." Let's work on the accident par and beat it...We were glad to see our old buddy, Operator WALTER JACKSON, back on the job after a long illness...Instructor J. C. WHITE has been very quiet lately. We haven't heard any reports about his bowling average recently. Wonder why? ..Congratulations to Operator EDWARD REAUX who was recently appointed as a supervisor. He was transferred to another district, and we will miss you, "Sonny", but we know that you do a fine job...Operator W. THOMAS is in the Veteran's Research hospital on Huron street. We wish him a speedy recovery...Mrs. RUTH STEWART, the wife of Instructor J. STEWART, is recuperating from recent surgery and is making splendid progress...PEGGY GILLIAM, the daughter of Operator JESSE GILLIAM, recently celebrated her 18th birthday. She is a student at Thornton Community college. Gilliam and the "little lady" also have a "wee one" in their household, JESSINA is her name, and she is nine months old...Your scribe's two granddaughters, ANGELA and ANTOINETTE RAWLS, celebrated their fifth and fourth birthdays, respectively, with a joint birthday party on January 15...There are 20 operators who made the Courtesy Caravan during the month of December. Congratulations to Operators L. SINGLETON, F. GREEN, J. JAMES, C. PARRISH, C. HENDRIX, L. EVANS, C. ROGERS, O. SURGEON, R. JOHNSON, G. DICKERSON, A. HART, S. GIBSON, J. WEBER, J. HARDIN, J. QUALLS, L. ROBERSON, W. PAYNE, H. FARLEY, B. RICHIE, and M. BUCHANAN. Keep up the good work, fellows...Operator VERNON SWANAGAIN is in Forkosh hospital, 2544 W. Montrose, Room 206, bed 2. He would welcome visitors...My thanks to Instructors HENDERSON and WHITENHILL who helped me get the "old jalopy" started when the temperature dipped recently to 20 below zero. If any of you fellows need the services of two good "mechanics", I suggest that you hire them...Drive safely and keep healthy. See you next month!

*- Elessie Gresham*

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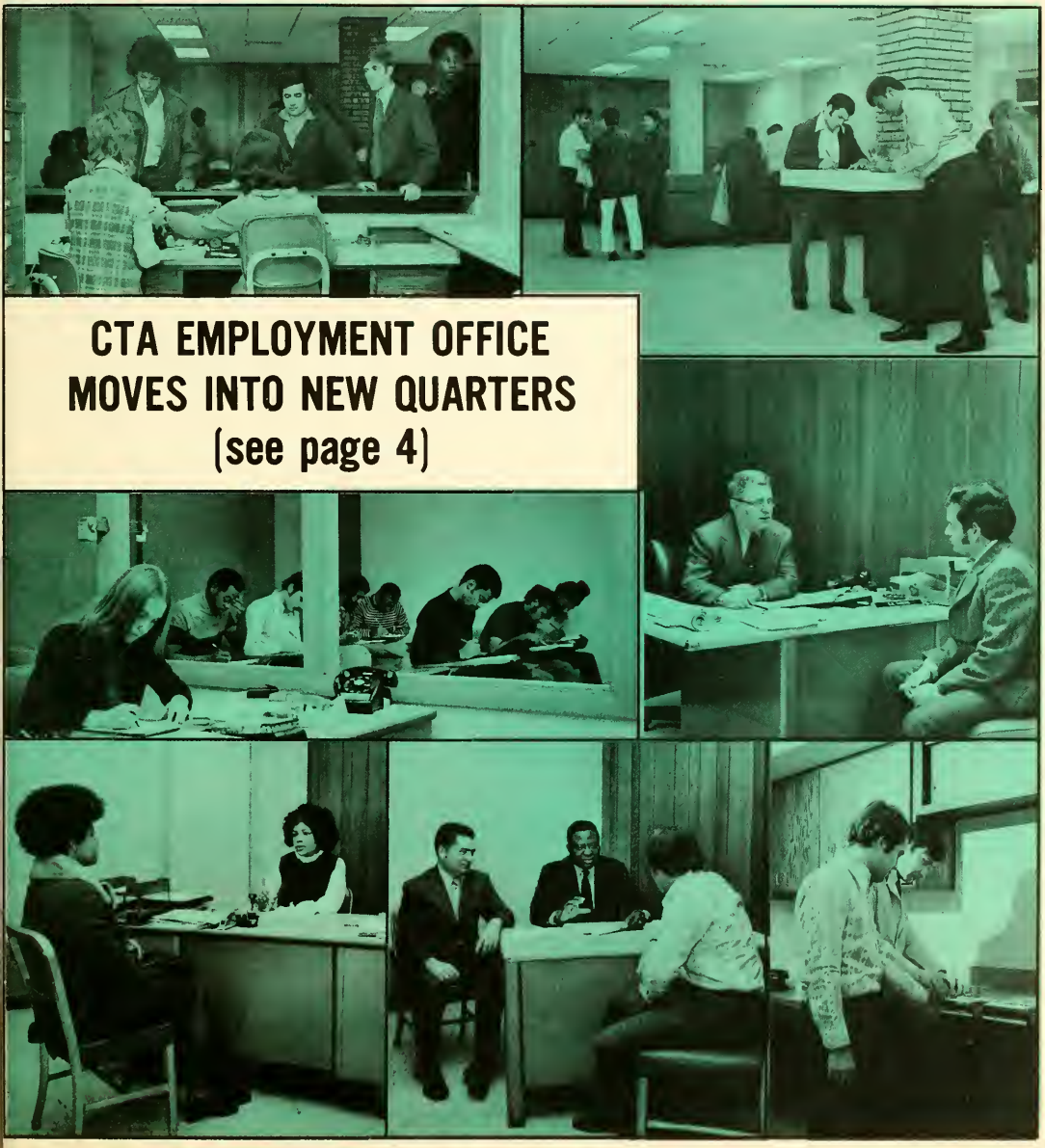

## CTA EMPLOYMENT OFFICE MOVES INTO NEW QUARTERS

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TO ALL EMPLOYEES:

The very existence of our cities and transit systems not to mention hundreds of thousands of jobs, is at stake, and right now you have the opportunity to play an important role in keeping public transportation strong.

The government has provided funds for the construction of highways since 1916, and now the metropolitan areas of our nation are being strangled by traffic congestion. Our legislators in Washington, D. C., are beginning to recognize the need to provide financial support for faltering transit systems.

Much of my time in the last six months has been spent in Washington trying to explain that public transportation can no longer be supported solely from the fare box. This is true not only in Chicago, but also in every other major city. As a matter of fact, we are doing much better than most other systems, but we still are in desperate need of financial assistance.

Congress has now begun to act. On March 2 the United States Senate passed legislation authorizing funds for subsidies to CTA and other transit systems.

The job now is to convince the House of Representatives that they should endorse the Senate's action.

If you want to see CTA continue to be the vital organization it is, you should write to your congressman urging him to work for operating assistance for urban mass transportation. The names of members of the House of Representatives from Chicago are listed at right; address mail to them at: House Office Building, Washington, D. C. 20515.

Sincerely,

Michael Cafferty
Chairman

TESTIFYING IN behalf of the American Transit Association (ATA), Transit Board Chairman Michael Cafferty appeared before the Housing Sub-committee of the U.S. House of Representatives Banking and Currency Committee to present a program providing federal aid for transit systems. Shown with Mr. Cafferty on the panel are ATA President Carmack Cochran (center) and General Manager Jack R. Gilstrap (right) of Southern California Rapid Transit District. With them to add support were (from left) Herbert J. Scheuer, assistant to the ATA executive vice president; Robert Sloan, ATA executive vice president; Stan Gates, ATA vice president, and Fred Burke, ATA legislative consultant.

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# Bus fleet modernization under way

## Order placed for 525 air-conditioned buses

PLACING THE largest single order for passenger equipment in CTA's history, Chicago Transit Board at its March 10 meeting authorized the award of a contract for 525 air-conditioned buses totaling $21,926,604.

The purchase of these buses is one of the projects included in the first $80 million of CTA's $121 million two-year capital renewal program being funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Illinois Department of Transportation, and CTA.

The Truck and Coach Division of General Motors corporation, Pontiac, Michigan, was the successful bidder. The bid from General Motors was $840.39 lower per bus with air conditioning and $1,182.70 lower per bus without air conditioning than that of the only other bidder, the Flxible company, of Loudonville, Ohio. The cost per bus from General Motors is $41,764.96 with air conditioning and $35,812.96 without air conditioning.

"After receiving the bids for buses with and without air conditioning, we determined to purchase buses with air conditioning for the comfort of our riders. Improvements such as air conditioning must be made to provide riders with the most modern vehicles and to attract new riders to public transportation," said Chairman Michael Cafferty of Chicago Transit Board.

"These new buses will have the latest type anti-pollution devices in order to meet all federal, state, and local standards for exhaust emission and noise control. This is a most important step in CTA's overall plan for living up to our responsibility to preserve the quality of the environment in the community we serve," added Cafferty.

The Environmental Improvement Package built into each bus contains ingredients that reduce exhaust odor and smoke. The main feature of the package is the lo-sac needle valve injector that virtually eliminates pollutant-causing unburned fuel in the combus-

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## *CTA seeks funds for diesel engine modifications*

ANOTHER MOVE toward improving the environment in Chicago was taken February 24 by Chicago Transit Board when it authorized an application to the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Illinois Department of Transportation for funds to modify bus engines to reduce the emission of pollutants from CTA diesel buses.

"This is a most important step forward in CTA's overall plan for living up to our responsibility to preserve the quality of the environment in the community we serve," stressed Chairman Cafferty of Chicago Transit Board. "With the delivery of 525 new buses, proceeding coincident with the modification of present diesel-powered buses, we are moving at the fastest rate practicable preparing our fleet to meet all federal, state, and local standards."

The application will call for the purchase and installation of lo-sac needle valve (LSN) injectors to eliminate pollutant-causing unburned fuel from entering the combustion chamber and being exhausted as dark smoke. The LSN injector will replace less efficient injectors now being used in diesel engines. The new injector is also part of the Environmental Improvement Package being specified for all new buses being ordered by CTA.

The LSN injectors will be installed in 1,226 diesel buses bought by CTA between 1961 and 1969. Each bus contains six injectors, one per cylinder. The estimated cost of the project is $300,000.

CTA plans call for a campaign to install the new LSN injectors in all buses as rapidly as possible, hopefully before the end of 1972, depending upon how soon funding of the project is approved after application to the governmental agencies.

The only diesel buses not included in the project are 58 vehicles constructed in 1950-51, all of which will be replaced upon delivery of new buses. The remainder of the fuel-burning fleet is made up of propane buses which have smokeless and odorless exhaust emissions.

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# CTA Employment Office moves into new quarters

MONDAY, MARCH 20, marked the opening of the new CTA Employment Office at 2660 N. Clark street. The facility is one of two offices replacing the former Employment Department in the Merchandise Mart.

Within the modern quarters, the Employment Office is conducting pre-employment screening and processing for job applicants, activities which are depicted on the cover of Transit News.

Final hiring processing of those acceptable for employment is being conducted in the Placement Office, Room 750 in the Merchandise Mart. The Placement Office also handles all other employment functions such as processing applicants for job postings and announcements of training.

In the picture above, Director of Personnel F. A. Johnson (left) and Superintendent of Employment R. J. Ruzich are briefing Employment Office personnel on the new facilities at the Clark street office. Listening attentively are (from left): F. Brady, interviewer; D. Schwamb, clerk-typist; A. Curtis, interviewer; S. Tadevic, interviewer; C. Sparrow, test administrator; J. Ferlito, receptionist; F. Moore, interviewer-instructor; E. Jendrach, interviewer, and J. O'Connor, coordinator of employment and placement procedures.

# Shops employe wins $2,000 suggestion award

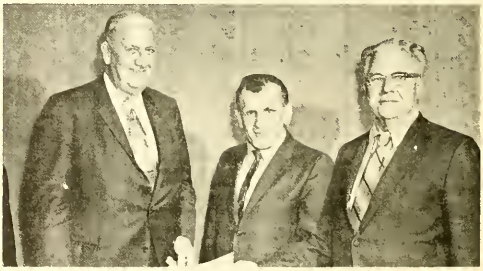
RAYMOND SPATZEK of South Shops recently became the second CTAer to receive a cash award of $2,000, the largest amount ever presented by the Employee Suggestion Plan for an adopted suggestion.

Mr. Spatzek's suggestion to modify and thereby extend the life of transmissions in 5000 series buses had been adopted in 1971. The amount of savings realized by CTA since that time resulted in his being presented the $2,000 supplemental award.

The previous winner of a $2,000 cash award was James Forrestal, also of South Shops.

The Employee Suggestion Plan also announced the adoption of 36 new suggestions and approved the disbursement of cash awards and gift certificates to the suggesters. Accepting cash awards for their adopted ideas were seven Shops & Equipment Department employees: James Olsen ($175), Victor Celebron and Michael Fabian (joint suggesters who shared $160), and Raymond Laskowski ($60), all of Skokie Shops; John Newman ($30) and John Kalinowski ($25), both of South Shops, and C. Forbes ($25) of 77th Street. Electrical Department--S. J. Salamone ($25) of the Rapid Transit Line Division and A. Trocker ($25) of the Signal Division. Transportation--S. W. Christ ($25) of West Section.

For submitting their second adoptable suggestion within a year Marjorie Schintz of the Claim Department was presented two cash awards of $25 each and Robert Swanson of Skokie Shops was presented a $25 cash award. Another cash award winner was Nello Paolicchi of Skokie Shops who received a $30 supplemental award for his suggestion adopted last year.



ACCEPTING HIS $2,000 suggestion award from General Manager T. B. O'Connor is Raymond Spatzek of South Shops. Watching the presentation are Operating Manager C. E. Keiser (left) and Superintendent of Shops & Equipment G. J. Clark.

For their adopted ideas the following were named as winners of $10 Jewel/Osco gift certificates: General Office—Mary Berry, Marie Crawley, Marjorie Schintz and M. Szykowny, all of Claim Department; Bernadette Kizior of Electrical; Mary Anne McMahon of Employee Relations; Leonard Skrine of Office Services, and Colette Szczepanek of Transportation. Shops & Equipment—Leroy Hagen, William Nichols, Jerome Pavel and Daniel Watson, all of South Shops; Daniel McClure of Skokie Shops, and Terrance Muellner of 69th Street. Transportation—William Kennedy, W. Pearson and G. Poklodowski, all of Forest Glen; James Heidewald of Archer; Rita Heinze of South Section, and E. LeSanche of Jefferson Park. Engineering—Edward Gertz of South Shops and W. Hallford of West Shops. Electrical—W. Rehder of Blue Island. Stores—Edward Grzenia of South Shops.

# Report cards show Retirement Plan credit

RETIREMENT PLAN report cards showing each employee's credit in the Plan as of December 31, 1971, will be distributed system-wide between April 12 and April 20, according to W. A. Ashley, Plan secretary.

Information provided on the face of each employee's card may be used in the formula on the reverse side to estimate retirement benefits and total credit with the Plan as of the last payday of 1971. Employees with LESS than five years of service, for whom no "estimated five year average earnings" is provided, can make the projection by using the earnings credit for 1971. Employees are advised to retain the cards for ready reference.

Mr. Ashley also announced that during 1971 approval was given by the Retirement Committee to 454 retirement applications of CTA employees. Of that total, 184 applicants had reached the normal retirement age of 65 years, 214 were early retirements in the age group under 65, and 56 were disability retirements.

There were 57 survivorship options approved, of which 10 were for the "All" option, 16 from the "2/3" option and 31 for the "1/2" option.

Contributions to the Retirement Plan during 1971 totaled $24,203,908--contributions by employees were $8,605,428 and CTA contributions amounted to $15,598,480. Approved during the year were disbursements totaling $12,481,644 covering payments to retired employees, refunds to employees who terminated their services and to deceased employees' beneficiaries and expenses of administration.

During 1971 assets of the fund increased $15,738,-272, making a total of $98,430,998 as of December 31 held by the Continental Illinois Bank and Trust company, trustee for the Plan.

These funds held by the trustee are invested in U.S. government securities, Farm Home Administration loans, corporate bonds and notes, common stock and CTA revenue bonds.

## 525 air-conditioned buses ordered

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tion chamber. In addition, the exhaust pipe will be at the roof line to improve the dispersion of exhaust.

"The interiors of the buses are being designed to reflect the preferences of the public as determined by CTA's Suggestion Bus Project which polled 30,000 persons," explained Cafferty. "The new buses will have a dusky walnut woodgrain wall covering with a white, gold-flecked ceiling. There will be contoured, padded seats of beige with alternating cushions of tangerine or golden brown."

The exteriors of the buses will be given a new appearance using a combination of lime and pine green and pearl white to complement the fluted anodized aluminum sides. The fronts of the buses will be white for easier recognition. Lime green bands will frame the windows and sweep along the front roof line. Pine green bands will add contrast for an overall coordinated look.

Features included in the 50-passenger buses are V-8 diesel engines, hydraulic transmissions, power steering, fluorescent lighting, safety glass windows, air springs, thermostatically-controlled central heating, air conditioning and ventilating, and two-way radios with emergency alarm. One hundred of the buses will be equipped with water bumpers to determine their effectiveness in lessening impact in case of collisions.

TRANSIT BOARD Chairman Michael Cafferty points out features of new buses to Mayor Richard J. Daley.

The access step on the buses is being lowered to 13½ inches, the lowest step that can be obtained.

Delivery of the first 100 buses will be made by mid September and the total order is to be completed by the end of November. The 525 buses will replace vehicles that are up to 22 years of age.

"Replacement of old buses with questionable dependability will not only improve service to all bus riders, it will reduce excessive operating costs inherent to such vehicles," Cafferty concluded.

# MEDICALLY SPEAKING by Dr. George H. Irwin

**VARICOSE VEINS** may be defined as swollen or dilated veins. Doctors often refer to them as varicosities. They are most frequently found on the inner and back part of the legs. Bluish in color, they are visible through the skin. There are two sets of veins in the legs: namely, the superficial veins which lie directly under the skin and these are most commonly affected. There is also a deep set of veins located inside the muscles. These veins are not often involved because the vein walls are surrounded and supported by the muscles. There are small veins which correct the two sets.

According to history, varicose veins were recognized and discussed by Hippocrates in 500 B.C. The treatment advised then was to tear out the veins with a hook. The modern treatment gives much better results.

Veins contain valves which normally permit the blood to flow only toward the heart. One of the underlying or main causes of varicosities is leaky valves. With this situation the blood may flow backward away from the heart instead of forward. This is comparable to a leaky faucet or pipe. The blood pressure in the vein below the valve is increased and this results in swollen veins. This occurs rather easily as the walls in veins are thinner and have less muscle support than the walls of arteries. Inherited weakness in the structure of the veins may be a predisposing factor. Other contributing factors are diseases such as phlebitis (inflammation of the veins) which weakens the valves. Also increased intra-abdominal pressure, such as that caused by repeated heavy lifting, coughing and straining, may be a contributing factor. Certain abnormal pregnancy conditions can cause "milk leg" which is a type of venous insufficiency. Obesity and increasing age are other conditions which may be a cause of varicose veins.

Varicosities are common throughout the population and affect people of all ages. However the incidence is greater in persons over 40 years of age. The condition is more prevalent in women. Certain occupations seem to have a bearing on the development of weak veins. For example, persons required to stand a lot such as dentists and elevator operators are more prone to this disorder. It has been shown that the pressure in the leg veins when standing is five times greater than it is when lying down. Another explanation of the prevalence of varicose veins in women is the fact that the tight girdles and corsets produce added downward pressure on the veins.

Symptoms of varicose veins depend on the severity or degree of involvement. In the mild cases no symptoms at all may be noted. In the more extensive cases the following symptoms may be noted: Change in the appearance of the legs, feeling of weakness in the legs or sensation of fullness or congestion, muscular cramps, especially at night, itching and burning skin. In the advanced cases varicose ulcers (open skin ulcers) develop due to poor circulation.

The treatment of varicose veins may be described as conservative (medical) and surgical. Here again the choice of treatment will depend somewhat on the severity of the condition.

Conservative measures for the mild cases include (1) support hose, (2) elastic bandages, (3) elevation of legs as much as possible day and night, and (4) injection of the veins in certain cases. The injections cause a hardening and blocking of the veins and the blood is then rerouted through deeper veins. The type of treatment is chiefly for small veins and the results are not always satisfactory or permanent.

Surgery for the more extensive types includes tying off the veins or removal by stripping. The results of surgical procedures are quicker and more permanent. The patients who have surgery do much better than the alternative of leaving the veins in. There is no risk in the surgical cases when done under proper technique. Your physician is the only one who can determine the proper type of management.

# CTAers cited for increased Crusade of Mercy pledges

FOR OUTSTANDING participation in its 1971-72 campaign, the Metropolitan Crusade of Mercy recently presented a citation to CTA employees. Total contributions resulting from the system-wide campaign last October amounted to $87,823.24--an increase of almost 8 per cent over the previous year.

Pledged payroll deductions of $7,102.77 per month resulted in a projected $85,233.24 for the year. Non-recurring cash contributions of $2,590.00 were also collected to produce the final figures.

Of the 12,832 employees on the payroll as of October 31, 9,995 contributed to the Crusade of Mercy. The 1971-72 campaign produced 796 new pledges, bringing to 9,107 the number of employees who contribute through payroll deductions. An additional 226 employees increased their monthly deductions.

# 52nd, 61st, South Shops named ESC fourth quarter winners

**HOLDING THE** award won by South Shops, Superintendent of Surface System Shops J. A. Rosendhal is shown in the top picture with Transit Board member Wallace Johnson. In the picture at left, 52nd Street Garage Foreman G. Pavelka (right) is holding the quarterly award as Supervisor of Garages D. J. Sturenfeldt displays the special award plaque. The award won by 61st Terminal is being held by Foreman J. J. Malloy, standing between Superintendent of Rapid Transit Shops and Terminals J. Bolech (right) and Superintendent of Maintenance Terminals A. J. Porcaro.

WINDING UP the first year of competition in the Employe Safety Contest (ESC), the three Shops & Equipment Department locations that took fourth quarter honors were not newcomers to the winner's circle in 1971.

In the surface garage group, 52nd Street had previously won two quarterly awards. In the rapid transit maintenance terminal group, 61st Street had won the first quarter award. A three-time winner in the shops group, South Shops has won each award since the second quarter.

The selection of the ESC winner in each of three groups is based on the number of injuries per one million man-hours worked. The garage competition winner, 52nd Street, completed 1971 without an injury and was presented a special award plaque.

# 17 complete Transportation Dept. training programs

HAVING COMPLETED training programs during March, 17 CTAers have qualified for advancement within the Transportation Department and are now assigned to pools in their respective classifications.

Three graduates of the Rapid Transit Line Supervisor Program pictured top left with Transportation Department supervisory personnel include (from left): Superintendent of Operations R. W. Tracy, C. Mathews, D. Sledge, J. Washington and Superintendent of Rapid Transit Operations J. R. Blaa.

Six graduates of the Radio-Telephone Operator Program in the bottom left picture include: E. Reason, W. Bunch, E. Wojdyla, J. Thrower, J. Stumpfel and W. Taylor. With the graduates are Superintendent of Surface Operations R. Dagenais and Mr. Tracy.

Nine graduates of the Rapid Transit Supervisor Program pictured below include (from left): R. McCallister, B. Perry, H. Coleman, R. Armstrong, F. Pettis, L. Salazar, D. DeMaria and H. Wilson. Behind the graduates are Mr. Blaa and District Superintendents A. E. Johnson and E. G. Strey.

# Service anniversaries in March

## 45 years

R. Drzik,
Special Investigations

J. A. Jankauskis,
South Shops

## 35 years

J. Barkauskas, South Shops
W. Cichy, North Avenue
A. A. Daus, Skokie Shops
T. J. Hurley, North Avenue
J. D. King, Beverly
H. K. Lindemann, North Avenue
L. P. Lindner, Utility & Emergency Service
C. H. Lindquist, Skokie Shops
J. H. Lynch, 52nd Street
C. R. Matuszewski, Substation Engineering
B. H. Nelson, Beverly
J. Reilly, North Avenue
J. P. Schloeder, Rapid Transit District - South
J. F. Valitis, 69th Street
J. F. Zaraza, South Shops

## 30 years

C. C. Cordek, North Avenue
T. J. Daniels, Beverly
N. F. Defina, North Avenue
E. L. Dieden, Instruction - Surface System
E. J. Fitzgerald, South Shops
L. L. Hagen, South Shops
J. C. Hood, West Section
G. J. Jaros, 69th Street
G. L. Karrison, West Section
H. L. McCauley, North Section
J. R. Miller, Forest Glen
P. J. Moran, South Section
A. D. Mullozzi, North Avenue
C. A. Olcikas, General Office
A. M. Olson, South Shops
S. J. O'Rourke, General Accounting
J. Palmer, Archer
L. Provost, Travel Information
R. W. Robertson, West Section
G. E. Sullivan, Kedzie
H. C. Thelin, North Park
G. L. Wilson, North Section
J. C. Zdenovec, Lowndale

## 25 years

A. H. Alsterlund, Forest Glen
H. C. Berndt, Building & Construction Division
N. A. Brindl, Electrical Distribution Division
D. J. Brodie Jr., Wilson Maintenance Terminal
A. J. Donofrio, Campaign Area - Surface Garages
E. L. Drzewicki, North Park Garage
P. Fields, South Section
S. A. Florek, Archer Garage
E. Fortuna, Beverly Garage
W. B. Goldsby, Archer
E. J. Haimann, Kedzie
M. L. Harris, North Section
E. J. Heeran, North Section
J. R. Hobbs, Building Wiring Division
H. O. Hughes, 69th Street
H. Johnson, 52nd Street Garage
E. T. Jones, 52nd Street
J. J. Joyce, Forest Glen Garage
R. Lemke, Forest Glen
J. F. Madden, Insurance & Pensions
D. M. McNamara, Purchasing & Stores
R. C. Mecker, Investigation & Claims
W. A. Mount, South Section
T. Mullin, Beverly Garage
A. L. Mustacchi, Utility & Emergency Service
S. P. Nieman, South Shops
R. J. Noreen, Beverly
J. B. O'Brien, South Shops
H. H. Opfergelt, North Avenue
E. Palo, 77th Street Garage
P. M. Palomar, Track Division
S. Phillips, 52nd Street
C. L. Ramsey, 69th Street
E. A. Russo, West Section
R. H. Smith, South Shops
S. F. Straza, North Avenue Garage
T. H. Tadevic, South Shops
R. G. Toft, North Avenue
J. J. Wiesolek, Power Operations Division
J. M. Wilson, Forest Glen
A. Yodual, Campaign Area - Surface Garages

# THE INSIDE NEWS

## AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**ACCOUNTING (Methods & Procedures) -**

GERRY BLAIR and her family recently pulled up stakes in Chicago and moved to Villa Park...The VIC JOHNSONS now own a little red wagon purchased from American Motors...EDDIE SCHALK purchased a home on Chicago's Northwest Side; he and MARSHA will be moving in this spring...Big BOB BRATEK just sold his home and is now looking in the Park Ridge area to set up housekeeping. DIANE, Bob's daughter, is recovering from a broken leg suffered during the winter...JOE CUCI returned from Florida with quite a sunburn. Joe says, "The honeymoon was great!"..VIC JOHNSON re-enlisted in the naval reserves at Glenview. Vic says that Navy life is really great...In February, PAUL PLATT and his wife, KAREN, spent an enjoyable weekend on the East Coast visiting Karen's parents. ..Those wedding bells are near at hand for MARY ANN JERAK--the date is May 20...TOM BOLDT's bowling ball did wonders at Calo bowling alley. Tom rolled a 663 series...Our thanks to TOM WODARSKI for the news from Methods & Procedures.

*- Judy Cuci*

**(Payroll) -**

We are glad to report that DORIS YOST is now at home and doing well after undergoing knee surgery in Belmont hospital. Although she is not allowed to put much pressure on the knee at present and has to hobble about on crutches, she will improve with therapy treatments. It must be boring for one as active as Doris to be hampered this way; but with a little patience she will be as good as new. Best wishes for a quick recovery, Doris, we're all rooting for you!..If you thought you heard a clicking noise like the sound of "busy bees", it was merely the speedy knitting and crochet needles of some of our girls turning out some unique apparel. It is amazing how beautiful the caps, scarves, skirts and sweaters are and the satisfaction the wearer has knowing they are handmade. Some of these artistic people are MARY CARNEY, JOSEPHINE COLEMAN and CLOTILDE FRANKIEWICZ, who also are very fine couturieres, and to this group we can also add CHRISTINE CAMERON and MAUREEN HOULIHAN who could make The House of Dior quake in its boots...If VI MEYER seems happier and her cheery smile broader than usual lately, the reason is that she is so proud of her nephew, KENNETH DOWER Jr., who was the men's winner of the 11th Annual Sun-Times Beat the Champions bowling contest on February 20. The lucky young man is now the proud owner of a 1972 Dodge Demon, which is pretty sharp for a young fellow 20 years old. Congratulations!..MAUREEN HOULIHAN sent an interesting card from the Hyatt House in Burlingame, California. They drove through the mountains and along the scenic coast and spent some time in Santa Cruz and San Diego.

*- Clara Lawrence*

**(Tabulating) -**

DAN FRUSOLONE had some bad luck when he fell and broke his arm on February 10. We miss you, Dan, so mend quickly and hurry back...ANTONETTE DeFRISCO and her husband had a sad journey to Franklin, Louisiana, on January 24 where they attended the funeral of their grandmother, JENNY GRAFFIO. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the entire family...On February 15, MARIE FOLZ left the Revenue Department for the Key Punch Department. We extend a warm welcome to Marie...Skokie Shops employee ANDREW RUSINAK, the brother of EMIL RUSINAK, passed away on February 17. Sincere sympathy is extended to Emil and his family.

*- Evelyn Leu*

**CTA SECURITY -**

Wedding bells rang February 19 for JOE CUCI, Methods & Procedures, and JOAN JESTICE of Security. The ceremony took place at St. Rita's church, with a reception held at the Knights of Columbus hall on 95th Street. About 200 persons attended. On their honeymoon Joan won a jackpot for hauling in the biggest fish among nine people aboard a deep sea fishing boat off Daytona Beach, Florida. Happiness and good fortune is wished the newlyweds... There's a correction on MIKE LONERGAN's home town, he's moved to Bolling Brook...HEINZ VOGT figures education is a good thing--his dog, Duke, is being sent to obedience school. Heinz, with his HO gauge railroad, is one of an elite group of hobbyists--surveys have shown that a great many model railroaders are professional or executive people...GEORGE and RUTH BONESS are the proud parents of ADAM SEAN, born January 27. Adam is the grandson of HARRY BONESS of the Claim Department, and grandnephew of MAX NETZEL, Linden terminal. Youths had been causing problems along the Skokie Swift line through Evanston. Adam's dad was assigned to the problem. A half dozen youths were caught and corrected by Officer Boness for committing various violations...A trolley bus wandered away from North Avenue Depot and was found at Cicero and Walton. MARV GOLDWATER on the North Avenue unit assisted by keeping watch on the stray, while JIM PANKONEN, garage supervisor in a radio car, picked up a bus repairer to drive the bus in. Marv also assisted at a 3-11 alarm fire at Lake and Parkside by helping the dispatcher with communications...JACK LEAHY on the Limits unit and Marv came up with an offender after the agent at Belmont and Kimball had reported a passenger was using a CTA badge in a suspicious manner. The badge was found to have been reported stolen...A bus stolen from the Jefferson Park terminal was on the loose for less than 30 minutes. JOHN FIRLINGER on the North Avenue unit heard the broadcast about the bus and located the empty bus at Milwaukee and Cicero...Two passengers threatened Agent ELSIE OLSON at Wellington on the Ravenswood. CHESTER MAZURKIEWICZ and Lieutenant JOE OSTERBERGER brought the offenders to justice. Chester was injured in a scuffle during the arrest. He's now back fighting crime. In another incident, Lieutenant Osterberger was alerted by strange noises from the seat behind him. Joe turned around to find a youth dismantling part of the "L" car. The youth demanded to know what Joe was looking at, and Joe said he was looking at someone who was under arrest...There was action on the 77th Street unit when

GEORGE EVANS had the assignment. One midnight George was on foot in STAN SARNA's area at the South Shops. Everything looked to be in good order, but when a broadcast sounded on George's walkie-talkie two burglars jumped and ran. For safety's sake, George held his fire until the thieves were outside. As they were pulling away in a waiting auto, George put four shots into the auto's rear. The burglars didn't get a chance to take the equipment they had stacked near a door...An old "L" car used for storage at Skokie Shops caught fire. LESLIE DEMAN discovered the fire soon after it began and major damage was averted. Officers, your fine work makes everyone's job better and enhances CTA's services...Former Officer JIM SCHWANK, now a seaman, was in town during the Great Lakes shipping season. . . Former officers BILL KLODNICKI and DON KUSCH have been paired up in their jobs with the Secretary of State's police. They're working in plainclothes on car theft groups...Happy April birthdays to THOMAS and IPPOLITO (1st), MOKSTAD (2nd), EICHAKER (16th), WISNIEWSKI (17th), SCHNIEDER (24th), JONAS (27th), LAATSCH and STEFFICK (29th), and POTTER and RINI (30th). Remembrances of May birthdays are being celebrated by INGRASSIA (2nd), WALLACE (10th), CONNORS (22nd), and DEMAN (23rd). Your scribe will be 10-7 until next issue.

*- Timothy O'Mahony*

**BEVERLY -**

The annual meeting of the Beverly credit union was held at Graver Park where the following were elected to the Board of Directors: G. SCHLETZ, president; J. KING, vice-president; L. BORRMANN, secretary; V. TRIMMER, treasurer; J. THOMPSON, assistant treasurer, EDWARD RICKER and E. WEILER. The credit committee consists of E. Weiler, L. Borrmann, G. Schletz, JOHN KIRBY, and H. FREIWALD. The supervisory committee consists of: M. DOWNS, R. JOHNSON, D. ALLEN, and J. Thompson is our security officer under the FDIC program. Good luck to these men who will devote their time and efforts in helping all the operators at Beverly. Contact any of these men if you should need a loan or want to save money from your paychecks...On the sick list at this writing are: Operators F. JONES, H. DeMANUELLE, A. DAVISTON, J. HICKS, and our all-around man at the 63rd and Kedzie terminal, RALPH ZACHAROLO. . . Glad to hear that Superintendent GEORGE EVANS is home from the hospital and coming along fine...We express our deepest sympathy to Operator E. HENNECKE in the loss of his father...Pensioner JOHN O'CONNOR was a recent visitor at Beverly. Mr. O'Connor was formerly the superintendent at Beverly and Archer... Pensioner OLLIE DAVIS is drinking orange juice, fishing, and getting a nice sun tan in Florida while we are freezing here. What a life for a poor man... Pensioner JOHN J. HEALY Sr. and his wife celebrated their wedding anniversary on February 24 by having dinner out. John, who had 39 years of service when he retired, started with the old Chicago Motor Coach in 1927.

Your co-reporter, AMOS FOSTER, would like to apologive for missing the last issue; unfortunately, I had to leave town to attend a funeral...On the system pick we lost a lot of old friends, but will gain some new ones. My son, AMOS LEE FOSTER Jr., went back to 77th Street...SCOTTY, the big one, is still leading the lying derby... We at Beverly have our own hero. Operator WILLIAM BAILEY rescued a lady who had been robbed. He gave her bus fare and money to call the police. Although the robbers escaped, she wrote a very nice letter to CTA commending Mr. Bailey. . . We have a community patrol in Rosemoor, and it seems to be a great thing. It helps in many ways, preventing crime and making the streets safer for everyone. All qualified persons living in Rosemoor who are interested in the patrol should come to the office at 415 East 103rd street, or call 264-4051 for more information. We will have more about this project in the next issue...We extend our sympathy to Loader WILLARD JOYCE, 95 station, whose mother passed away on March 6...So long for now.

*- Tom Daniels & Amos Foster*

**ELECTRICAL (General Office) -**

Congratulations to MICHAEL KELLY, project engineer, who recently received a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering. He was graduated from Illinois Institute of Technology after attending evening school for 11 years. An understanding wife and six children also helped Mike to attain his goal...Hope that RONALD and SANDRA PFEIFFER, stenographer, enjoy their new home. They have really been busy getting settled in suburban Darien, Illinois...There were several new appointments in the department recently. FREDERICK KING is assistant project engineer, responsible for co-ordinating the Electrical Department's phase of CTA capital improvement program; MATTHEW CIOFFE is special project engineer in charge of electrical line construction design, replacing FRED MARIANI who retired, and WALTER D. MOORE is electrical design engineer. We congratulate them on their promotions...Your reporter shortened the cold month of February by spending a vacation at West Palm Beach, Florida. The weather was great.

*- Kay McAlister*

**(Rapid Transit Signal Division) -**

Hi fellas. It's that time of the year again when we start thinking about the ice melting on the lakes and we can place a line in our favorite fishing hole and try to find the lunker we missed the year before. A group of signalmen, with FRANK HALPER in charge, are planning a week's fishing trip to Leech Lake in Walker, Minnesota, when the season opens on May 14. The American plan at Forestview Lodge includes three meals and lodging at a cost of $15.50 per day. As reported by Frank and others who have vacationed there, everyone would be well satisfied with this plan. More information, including brochures, is available. Those interested should contact Frank Halper, signal maintainer at 95th on the Dan Ryan. Arrangements can be made, and anyone not wishing the American plan should state so. Everyone will not have to drive as two vans are to be used on the trip, and we will try to get by with as few vehicles as possible. Anyone having an outboard motor of ten horsepower or more should consider bringing it along to cut the cost of rental. We don't have too much time left, so within 30 days we will have to have a deposit of $20 from each man wishing to attend...Sadly we report the death of CLINIO CANACCINI, the father-in-law of CHARLES LASKOWSKI. To the entire family of Mr. Canaccini, you have our prayers and sympathy...JOHN WOULFE is coming to work every day now with his face lit up with smiles. The reason being his wife, TERI, gave birth to a lovely daughter, KIMBERLY ANN, their first child, on February 11. Using John's own words, she has brought a lot of happiness

to our lives. Weighing 7 pounds 4 ounces, she's a bargain at any price. Not bad for starts. Right, John?..The race is on! My wife also gave birth to a lovely daughter. Our little bundle of joy arrived February 4. No, she's not our first child; the last, maybe. Little ROBIN LANOR started out with a slight disadvantage--we all had high hopes for a boy. Apparently she was aware of this, and immediately after her arrival she got busy winning over our hearts. Now we wouldn't exchange her for a dozen boys...PAT DOYLE said he will be returning to work soon. He has been off for several weeks recuperating from an eye operation. The rooms in his house seem to be getting smaller and smaller with time and he wants to get out again. OK, Pat, if you think you've had enough you may come back to work...VICK ZASTERA, upon returning from vacationing at beautiful Hot Springs, Arkansas, made no mention of the steaming hot springs and bath houses for which the city is famous. But he came back clean anyway. He said it was because of his profound interest in, and considerable time spent at, the beautiful Oak Lawn Park race track. Vick also noted there are lots of lakes and good fishing in the area as well...DANNY WATERS has just returned from a vacation at Orlando, Florida, where he combined a trip to Disney World with just plain romping with his seven year old granddaughter, PAMELA. Danny, in describing Disney World, said it encompasses 5,000 acres of camp sites, golf courses and big lakes...My sincere thanks to all those who have helped to make this column possible. To Signal Superintendent C. L. WIKSTEN, who has consistently cooperated with our efforts, and to PAUL CLEAVER, FRANK HALPER, KAY McALISTER, and BERNADETTE KIZIOR--all of whom have been a source of encouragement to me.

*- Tommie Lowery*

**(Chicago Avenue) -**

Your reporter attended an Old Timers Party in January and met some of our retired members. HARRY BUERGER looks just like his old self, but says that he isn't doing much traveling because his wife hasn't been feeling good. Big BILL WATERS looks just the same and says he gets restless sometimes. You know Bill was always on the go when he was working here...DOMINIC SCUCCOMORI called in to let me know that he is well and still going along. Also, to let us know that he reads the Transit News regularly...CHARLIE SALVATORE is back to work after a six-week sojourn in the hospital and at home after surgery and its complications...BOB HORMEL is back with us after a short visit to the hospital. From what Bob says, when all is normal he will be able to hear much better. Right, Bob? ..DINO FUGGETTI is now home recuperating after surgery in Augustana hospital. We heard from him and he is eagerly looking forward to coming back to work...BILL SHEAHAN and CHARLIE PARHAM are both back from short vacations. Guess they both took it easy, we didn't hear any fish stories or descriptions of home projects...The daughters of PETE SZATKOWSKI, TONY RIGLER and your reporter qualified for Illinois State Scholarships and received certificates from the State commending them on their scholastic achievements...We are now awaiting word on the results of the St. Patrick's day parade queen competition. NANCY HOWE, the daughter of LUKE HOWE, is one of the contestants and we are all pulling for her...DON EDWARDS, one of our drivers, reports that his son, DON, is doing very well after a brain operation.

*- Ben Nielsen*

**(Blue Island) -**

AL BRONZELL and his wife have returned from a six-week plane and boat ride with stopovers in Hawaii and Japan...Pensioner JOHN DARCY is touring the Caribbean area...I received a nice letter from Pensioner SAM GAFFEN who is exploring the West Coast for a retirement spot. He said his wife likes Sun City, Arizona, best. He sends his thanks to the fellows who took him out for the pizza party...Our best regards to JOHN HOFFERT and WILLARD LOOS who retired February 1. Bill thanks everyone for the fine retirement dinner held in the Blue Room at Blue Island. We were eating leftovers for three days. Happy retirement to DANNY GRANUCCI who was a special guest at Bill's party...Congratulations to ELIZABETH and BILL POWELL who have joined the "Grandparents Club." A daughter was born to JANICE and WILLIAM POWELL Jr. on Valentine's day...I received a card from DON RYAN who is spending two week's military duty in the naval reserve cooking for 900 men. Happy dishwashing, Don...Our deepest sympathy to JOE NAGRODSKI and his family in the loss of his wife...To members of the Electrical Department, don't forget to keep Friday, May 5, open for our annual corned beef and cabbage dinner for retired employees. We have 15 honored guests this year. Between now and the next issue, let's hear from all of you...Late flash--WILLIAM SPITZOCK retired on March 1. Fifty guests had coffee and rolls with Bill. The following pensioners were present to welcome Bill to their ranks: WALTER YOCIUS, EDDIE BOYLE, PETE PETERSON, ADAM GABLIN, JOHN MICHNICK, WILLARD LOOS, and FRED MARIANI.

*- William Rehder*

**ENGINEERING -**

JIM JOEFFREY and his wife took a two-week vacation to California. They went to San Francisco and Los Angeles where they took in the sights and visited some friends... LOUISE SANDSTROM wants to thank everyone for the electric typewriter, and for making her last day so nice...In a recent three-game bowling match, the team of RUSTY RUSAKIEWICZ, ROY SMITH, C. POLLARD and PAUL SWANSON beat the West Shop team of GEORGE MILLONAS, WALLY HALLFORD, JOE MARSZALEK, WALLY GAEDTKE and RON SWINDELL from Electrical...Paul Swanson and his wife went skiing for the first time at Wilmot and had a good time and no broken bones...Our congratulations to PHIL ADELIZZI on his new job as title agent in Real Estate.

**(West Shops) -**

ED AMUNDSEN, ironworker, and his wife vacationed in Florida. The highlight of the trip was seeing their daughter graduate from college cum laude...ART STEERS, clerk in the Track Department, gave his daughter's hand in marriage on January 29. This is the last of Art's four daughters, they are all married now. Art retired on March 1. We wish you many, many happy and long years of retirement, Art...Congratulations to P. JONES who completed his carpenter apprenticeship on December 31...W. C. HALLFORD, supervisor of mechanical maintenance, vacationed in Florida. This was supposed to be a fishing trip, but Wally said the fish didn't bite. The weather was too cold and windy and the trip was too short. Wally did manage to see Disney World. Did you have fun, Wally?..We wish to express our deepest sympathy to the family of DANNY RAYMOND who passed away February 27 after a long ill-

# NEW PENSIONERS

JOINING THE ranks of the retired March 1 after completing 40 or more years of transit service each are, left to right, JOSEPH FAMERA, PAUL F. COOK and ARTHUR W. STEERS.

LEONARD C. BORRMAN, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 2-4-36
ROY T. BOVINGDON, Bus & Truck Mechanic,
South Shops, Emp. 2-6-42
PAUL F. COOK, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 2-5-30
NEIL J. COTTER, Bus Handler,
South Shops, Emp. 8-30-29
JOSEPH FAMERA, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 9-6-28
ARTHUR C. FOURNIER, Car Repairman A,
Forest Park, Emp. 9-24-42
WILLIAM J. GEHRIG, Car Repairman A,
Forest Park, Emp. 11-13-41
LAWRENCE M. HELINSKI, Clerk,
69th Street, Emp. 1-20-43
HARRY E. JOHNSON, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 7-15-37
PATRICK JOYCE, Laborer,
Stores, Emp. 4-22-43
WILLIAM P. SPITZOCK, Lineman,
Electrical, Emp. 4-6-39
ARTHUR W. STEERS, Road Clerk II,
Engineering, Emp. 8-2-29
WILLIAM H. SUNAGEL, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 2-3-36
FRANK SWAIN, Shopman II,
Skokie Shops, Emp. 4-14-34

**DISABILITY RETIREMENTS**

DALE C. GILMER, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 4-30-36
ANTHONY J. SHEVCHUK, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 6-26-41

ness. Danny was well liked by all at West Shops...We would like to send some CHEER to our shutins: TONY SUNZERI, Track Department, JOHN IWANSKI, plumber helper, DON EDWARDS, laborer, and P. SIMON, painter...BILL FINKLER, engineering trainee, is leaving the West Shops. Nice having you aboard, Bill, and good luck wherever you land. Keep the old concertina in tune...We want to put out the welcome mat to the following new ironworkers: E. LASKI, D. PROTSMAN, S. RUDMAN and H. STENGEL.

*- Darlene Jansen & Jennie Scott*

**FOREST GLEN -**

Superintendent DeWITT wishes to thank all of our operators for the big improvement in Forest Glen's accident record. So, fellows, keep up the good work. Remember--a moment's pause can give you the time to make sure it's safe to start. Passenger safety is our top aim now...Operator JOHN MAHNKE is on sick leave, having a little trouble with his eyes. Hope to have him back shortly as he is missed greatly by all...Operator DeMAYO was in Mexico again. By the way, DeMayo, what's down there that makes you return so often?..Operator LES DANDERS and his wife spent a three-week vacation driving to Florida. They visited Disney World and took a Caribbean cruise. Boy, do some people know how to spend a vacation... Operator FRANK MORAN and his wife took a week of their vacation and flew down to Tucson, Arizona, they spent an enjoyable time basking in the sun and he was so rested up that he decided to work a little longer...Operator SAM JONES is in the hospital and at present taking quite a rest. Here's hoping Sam is up and around soon. Those pool games are missed and hardly anyone can beat Sam...DON MOTYKA, the son of JOSEPH MOTYKA, was married to PATRICIA CARROL on January 24. Don works at Skokie Shops. Also a happy birthday to Joseph on February 7. On February 15 Joe and the Mrs. marked 25 years of wedded life. Here's hoping there are many more. Of course, Joe says his wife took him out to dinner...GEORGE and GRACE STREAKE are in Puerto Rico having a ball. He says, "No time for rest, have been on the go ever since we left. Food is fine and the drinks hit the spot."..Clerk PHIL MANGAM went to Hawaii and played golf but had to quit after 12 holes--he ran out of golf balls. Nobody told him the balls wouldn't float on salt water. Of course Phil isn't saying anything about those beautiful girls...If you watch Operator MILLER, you can see he's also getting ready for the golfing season. What's that he's holding in his hand all the time?..TOM MEAGHER's son, RICK, is now living it up in Germany and will be back in two years--most likely with a bride...DAVE EGGERSDORF is now one of our instructors. Good going, Dave...L. DEANE recently celebrated 40 years of married life, and what's nice about it is they were with the same doll...Operator BILL SUNAGEL may have retired March 1, but he intends to keep up his hobby--watching girls...W. R. BARRON was in Florida again and is now driving a new car. Boy, Florida must have something...On April 10 RAY DOWDLE and his lovely wife, MARY, will be married 35 years. Congratulations!..By the way, our CTA golf tournament will be July 17 so let's get ready now.

*- W. A. Henry* (Don't call me Wilbur)

**GENERAL OFFICE (Medical) -**

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Dr. GEORGE B. SILER in the recent death of his father, Dr.

CHARLES A. SILER...Dr. STEPHEN D. MOSNY, with his wife and grandson, flew to Tampa, Florida, for a couple of weeks of sunshine and swimming. He is now sporting a beautiful tan...A puppy by the name of Sniffles has been added to the household of ARLENE and TOM PURALEWSKI and has been keeping them up nights. It's either the puppy or Tom who will end up sleeping in the garage if things don't improve. Someone is bound to end up in the "dog house."..Belated birthday greetings to Dr. B. PIERZYNSKI who claims he was only 39 on March 20, and to HARRY SOREGHEN, medical technician, who will feel like 39 on April 25...News has been received that Pensioner AL GLUECKERT is confined to Presbyterian-St. Luke's hospital where he recently underwent heart surgery. We wish you a speedy recovery...MARYANN (Daukshis) TRACEY, former clerk-typist, and her husband, TIM TRACEY, paid us a visit. They both look great and are now permanent residents of Chicago.

**(Executive) -**

JANE MITCHELL and MARY STOMNER decided to try their luck in Las Vegas for a few days recently, and even took in several of the night spots. We have not heard as yet whether they were winners or losers.

**(Employment) -**

The following employees recently joined the ranks of the CTA: DONNA SCHWAMB, clerk-typist, SUSAN HESS and JOAN WADE, clerk-typists, and CYNTHIA SPARROW, clerk II. Also back with us is JEAN O'NEILL, secretarial stenographer, who formerly worked in the Stores Department. Good to see you back again...ELLIOTT McMAHEL, employment clerk II, spent a week's vacation in and around Chicago taking in the various sights and places he hasn't visited before.

**(Reproduction Services) -**

We welcome back with open arms MARY LOU PODALAK after being off sick for several months...Looks like SUE GILLESPIE and MARGUERITE RUFFULO have a weight watchers club of their own. Comes every Monday and they both are on the scales weighing in. Wonder how things are going and who's winning the bet. Any comments on your progress, girls?

**(Employe Relations) -**

JERRY McMANAMON recently flew to Albany, Georgia, where he spent a weekend visiting his brother and sister-in-law. He says the weather down there is ideal.

**(Office Services) -**

It seems like the department missed the west end of the building and decided to move back to their old headquarters in room 756...Belated birthday greetings to LAVERNE SCHULTZ who celebrated on March 2 and doesn't look a day over 40.

**(Personnel) -**

MARIE and BILL CLINE just returned from a wonderful two-week stay in Hawaii. While there, they visited the islands of Oahu, Kauai and Maui. They were particularly impressed by the beauty of the islands, especially the endless number and variety of flowers found growing in great abundance wherever they went. The Clines urge everyone to visit Hawaii at least once, but warned that you should allow yourself at least two weeks in the islands. On the way home Marie and Bill stopped off for a few days of fun in Las Vegas. Except for a marvelous performance by the Supremes in the Fortier Music Hall, Vegas left them flat in more ways than one...The department welcomes TONY BORCIC, former clerk at 69th Street Garage. His sister, CHRISTINE, works in Public Information...WALTER GARBUTT has settled down in Fort Collins, Colorado, and is now living the life of a "retired gentleman."..BRUCE JOHNSON, the son of Superintendent FRANK JOHNSON, has returned from Vietnam and is now attending Rocky Mountain college in Billings, Montana. Frank's other son, DOUG, is the athlete of the family. In recent competition in a Naperville District athletic contest, Doug placed second in the trampoline competition and third in the high bar competition. On March 4 Doug took part in the regional meets. More on that later.

**(Public Information) -**

We welcome LOIS MOLLENKAMP who transferred from the Employment Department, replacing KATHY MOSER who transferred to the Special Investigations Department. On Valentine's day, Lois' fiance sent to the office a beautiful self-designed heart of red carnations with a center of white roses and little red foil hearts which made her very happy.

**(Insurance) -**

We were sorry to see SANDY BARRETT leave to take up full-time housekeeping, and welcomed MARIE CROWLEY, formerly in the Claim Department, who replaced her.

**(Research & Planning) -**

To start our news off this month we welcome JOAN LISAGOR who joined R/P as a typist for R. LUCZAK, supervisor project liaison. It's nice to have you with us, Joan... Next on the agenda is the IACONO family with news of their new apartment at 1116 W. Taylor street. Grace and her husband, FRANK, South Shops, were so busy getting their new home set up, they weren't sure if they were coming or going. They are glad the moving is over, and the family is now happily settled in their new home...While we were suffering through our sub-zero Chicago weather, BILL JONES was in beautiful Mexico City enjoying a comfortable 75 degrees during his week of vacation. Bill spent a lot of time sightseeing and just getting away from it all. He was real enthusiastic about the entire trip and had a fantastic time...The MACAKS have joined the ranks of the color TV families. GEORGE's eyes have looked a bit bloodshot lately, and now we know it's from staying up and watching all those late, late talk shows and movies...DIANE TRAXLER and her husband, SCOTT, are the owners of a new red Vega. Diane says the car is a lot of fun, and if anyone wants a ride in it and is willing to trust her driving they're welcome to it...TIM OSWALD and CHUCKY MACAK were the leading actors in their school plays. Tim had the title role of Julius Caesar and his dad, NORM, along with the family were in suspense when Brutus did his thing on old Julius. Chucky, who is in kindergarten, starred as Humpty Dumpty. His mom and dad had a lot of fun making his eggshell costume. After all that hard work they felt a bit saddened when old Humpty got crunched in the end. Despite these tragedies, you can be sure the plays were a great success and their parents were very proud of their children...Last but not least, DAVE LEVITIN has been taking his great dane, Cleopatra, for quite a few walks ever since they found $10 one night.

*- Regina Daren & Eileen Neuraater*

TWO FUTURE bus operators who can hardly wait until they can drive a bus are DERRICK and STEVEN PITTMAN, the sons of Beverly Station Operator LEODIS PITTMAN.

**KEELER -**

Hi all you birds and bees. Ah yes, 'tis nearing the season for blooming trees stretching their arms skyward, and shy flower buds peeking through the soil. Then comes the sound of the ice cream vendor, the whir of the old lawn mower, and the sickening flat slap of the old paint brush. Oh well, you have to take the good with the bad. So, fellows, knowing that the clean-up, paint-up season is upon us, I tried to find an out for us. The doc told me that my problem was just plain laziness. I said, "Yes, doctor, I know that, but what is a scientific name for it? I've got to report to my wife."..Well, we can look with happy anticipation at our ole Chief Clerk ELMER RIEDEL who is still vacationing in sunny California after retiring...A couple of really good guys are Serviceman JOHN GURRIERI who remembered that his mom, KATHLEEN, had her birthday on March 25; and JOHN KOHMAN proudly showed off his daughter, DENISE MARIE, on her sixth birthday March 6... Congratulations are extended to lovely ADDIE HAMPTON, the wife of Operator OTIS HAMPTON, who is still the apple of his eye after two years of marital bliss...It's nice to see our good paymaster, JOHN POPE, fully recovered from surgery and back at the helm again...We all lend moral support to our station instructor, CHARLEY WEYER, who will have undergone surgery at this writing. Hurry back, Charley, we all miss you. BOB ANDERSON is doing a very capable job pinch-hitting for Charley...Operator TED PYZYNA was fortunate enough to ease by his hospitalization without surgery...Not yet, but we're waiting for further news of possible fractures. Reason--two of our garagemen, JOHN ZOJAC and JIM ARNOUX, are amateur hockey players...I received news that Repairman BOB McCABE is recuperating at home with a broken ankle. The kicker is, I was told, he injured said ankle after stepping on a snowflake...The garage grapevine also revealed that Mechanic FRANK HAGEN is back on days after six months of nights. Word also has it that Frank and JOHN KOHMAN have ended a long standing feud. Maybe they got their wrenches crossed...Seems that everyone is waiting for JOE VALTIERRA to enter the sick book very shortly. Joe finally got himself a haircut. He and the barber took the hair away in bushel baskets...WHITEY SZYMELL, now our official box puller, returned from the ranks of the sick in time to remind me that on March 1, his wife, HELEN, let another birthday sneak up on her. Keep having them, Helen, because on you they don't show...JOE ESPOSITO won $10 in his mixed bowling league. Some very low personage stage-whispered, "What kind of mixed league--little kids and cripples?" That's alright, Joe, a 120 average isn't half bad...Say, fellows, if you have trouble bringing in those big ones, then see the fishing pros--Operators BROWNING and FISCHER. Browning is also a great hunter. He went hunting a while back and a bear had to lead him back to civilization. Last year Browning, Fischer and myself went on a fishing trip. There was a fourth in our party, but I promised not to tell anyone that Operator FILIPEK might as well have stayed home...Hi, ZIELKE, we haven't forgotten you...Until next time, while doing those chores for the little lady, remember, "Duty makes us do things well, but love makes us do them beautifully."

*- Ernest C. Carter*

**LAWNDALE -**

I received a letter from Pensioner JESSE CINKUS and his wife who are presently in Phoenix, Arizona. Since being there, Jesse has visited gold, silver and copper mines. He also visited the Tombstone gallows and boot hill cemetery. Jesse and his wife have been in Arizona for four months and have collected nearly 80 pounds of rock samples. When he returns to Chicago, Jesse will seek out some cutting and polishing machinery so that he can prepare them for display. He and his wife returned to the Windy City around March 1...The 34th annual membership meeting of the Lawndale Federal Credit Union was held on Saturday, March 25, at the Lorraine ballroom, 2801 Hamlin. For further assistance in your credit union, JOE NOLAN, JOHN DANIEL and BILL KLECKA are always ready to serve you...Operator FRANK DOWNEY has fully recovered from his illness and is now working as a loader. Good luck on your new job, Frank...Instructor JOE STEINBACK has returned to Lawndale and was a welcome sight to Instructors JAMES FULLER and DAVE HINMAN...Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Operator HARRY COX in the recent passing of his mother...We also extend our condolences to Operator and Mrs. DOMINICK PAPA in the passing of his mother-in-law...As of this writing our basketball team has won seven games and only lost two. The feeling around Lawndale is that the team might go all the way...Board Member FRANK LASKE, North Park, has cited one of our operators, HAYWARD BORDERS, for preventing what could have been an embarrassing traffic jam at the Devon-Kedzie terminal recently. Laske cited Operator Borders for his quickness of thought and devotion to duty. Congratulations to Hayward as he is indeed a credit to his fellow operators...Our sick list this month includes Operators L. EVERETT and ARTHUR ADAMS. Operator DAVID COPELAND is in Veteran's hospital, and Repairman LEMUEL COOK is receiving visitors at St. Ann's hospital. Operator ROBERT SMITH is now recuperating at home. Assistant Foreman TONY KASMAN is still off as of this writing recovering from an operation. Repairman JOE OLANDESE is also recuperating from his illness...I would like to welcome these new men who have transferred from other stations during the recent seniority pick: L. A. KRAHULA, R. O. YOUNG, D. HOWARD, E. G. WHEAT, P. L. HOLLINS, R. A. WALTON, J. W. HAWKINS, R. L. BOWERS, D. L. JOHNSON, W. STUBBS, R. L. HUGHES, R. C. BROWN, R. F. JONES, J. R. WILLIAMS, H. E. MOORE, R. RAMSEY, R. L. McCOY, W. SMITH Jr., D. SMITH, E. GIDDENS, A. SIMS, L. L. WHITEHEAD and W. A. EMBRY. I would like to say to all the men who left Lawndale, I sincerely hope that you enjoy your new assignments and good luck...Operator TOMIE JACKSON enjoyed a week's vacation during our recent cold spell... Clerk CLARK CARTER and Operator ABE WILSON are going at it head and head with their chess matches. Each claims to

be the best, and they've challenged all comers... Happy birthday to the following personnel for this month: R. J. HOLAN, H. O. COX, D. DeBUONO, S. E. JONES, B. J. HERRON, L. M. MINOR, W. L. STEVENS, C. J. RIEP, W. WALKER, E. L. BAINES, S. E. SZARAFINSKI, D. HOWARD, J. E. VAN OOY, C. E. WAIR, D. COPELAND, M. MORGAN, T. THOMAS, W. ALLYSON, E. MILLBROOK, H. G. TERRY, F. JONES, T. L. STEWART, J. B. JEFFERS, D. STENNIS, and W. SMITH...Don't forget, fellows, to think safety while we're doing our respective jobs. Let's all try a little harder to bring our accident par down each month. So long now until next month.

*- James Marshall*

**LIMITS -**

Operator IRVING LEWIN, his wife, JEANETTE, and granddaughter, LAURIE, had a very enjoyable vacation in sunny Florida and the Virgin Islands. They did a lot of sightseeing and fishing. They visited HERMAN ERICKSON, former superintendent at Limits, who is now enjoying his pension in Florida. He sends his regards to all the men at Limits...Operator WILLIAM HARVEY and his wife, CAROL, spent their vacation in Mexico visiting friends and doing some deep sea fishing in the Gulf of Mexico...Happy birthday to Operator GEORGE GART who was 12 years old on February 29. He has a birthday every four years because of leap year. George is really the young age of 48 years old...SAM GIRARD had an enjoyable vacation taking in the sights of these United States and visiting many places of historic interest...Congratulations to VINCENT SHAYER and his wife, MARY, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary by taking a trip to Denver, Colorado...STANLEY GUSTAFSON suffered a broken collarbone in an automobile accident. We all wish you a speedy recovery...Instructor E. DIEDEN celebrated 30 years of service with the CTA. He has a few more years before he will be eligible for his pension. Congratulations! . . EDWARD FEDEROWICZ is back to work after being off for a long spell due to illness. He will be working as a maintenance man at Limits...We are happy to see bus placer KEN STENDEL back to work again after suffering a fractured foot. He does an outstanding job of placing the buses fast and efficiently...At this writing Operator E. NOWICKI is confined to the hospital due to illness. We wish you a speedy recovery...The men in the garage are doing an excellent job of keeping our buses in shape. All of us operators wish to thank you... Limits Credit Union will now be located in our new offices, for which our officers are very happy. If you need financial assistance, visit our credit union and you will be happy you did...Our sincerest sympathy to ROBERT and LES KEAG in the loss of their dear mother, Mrs. MYRTLE KEAG.

*- R. S. Benson*

**LOOP -**

Birthday greetings are extended to Agent DOROTHY FORD. Dorothy and her husband, LEO, also celebrated their wedding anniversary and her anniversary with the company...Congratulations to Agent MORA HAASE and her husband who celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary, and they are still in love...Wedding anniversary congratulations are also extended to F. LUCAS and his wife. They always have a great celebration for this occasion...Collector V. NORSTROM and his wife celebrated their wedding anniversary on February 22...Pensioner HELEN PALLISTER is a proud grandmother again. Her son and daughter-in-law are the proud parents of a little boy. Helen, write and tell us all about this little sweetie...A few weeks ago Clerk DAN DOYLE had a nice phone call from retired Chief Clerk HARRY BAKER. Harry is just fine and says hello to all...It's great to see Agent DAVE GRAFMAN back on the job at Pulaski and Kennedy. Keep well, Dave, that station doesn't look right without you there...Retired Superintendent RALPH DeMARIA visited the 54th Street office and he was looking good and feeling fine...Your co-reporter, MILDRED DOYLE, and her hubby, DAN, had a warm and fun-filled vacation this winter. They flew to California when the weather here was 18 degrees below zero. While there they also visited Mexico. The highlight of the trip was a tour of the Queen Mary in Long Beach. Dan drove their friend's Indian Winnebago camper through the desert to Las Vegas. Mildred and her friend, JEANETTE, played cards all the way, while Jeanette's husband, VIC, acted as co-pilot to Dan. In Arizona, Mildred carved her name on a rock. She said she will see if it is still there when they go again next year. They made a stop in Calico, an old silver mining and ghost town. The old boot hill cemetery next to the town contained about 200 graves ranging in age from 1881 to 1945, with plots reserved for people still living in the Calico area. Dan and Mildred enjoyed dinner and the show at the Stardust hotel in Las Vegas. The show was very colorful and beautiful...We hope by the time this goes to press, Agent DOROTHY PARKER has a bright new shiny car. Dorothy was awakened in the wee hours of the morning by a loud noise and the ringing of the doorbell. Yes, a hit and run driver had smashed into her car and it was a complete loss. The one pleasure her mother and dad had, was going places with Dorothy on Saturdays and Sundays. So with your new car, I hope you have the best of luck, and that your mom and dad have many pleasurable rides during the warm days of summer...Pensioner JOHN CAMPBELL sends his regards to all at CTA. He would enjoy letters from his friends. His address is: 5004 Cedar avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19143.

*- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wirted*

**MILWAUKEE, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -**

Senior Station Instructor KEN BROWN and his wife, DONNA, welcomed another little one, CHERYL LYNN, into their home on February 6. The Browns bought a camper recently and I wonder if the little one will change their vacation plans ?..If you see a new Buick LeSabre around Jefferson Park, it must belong to MIKE VELTRI as he has one ordered. Congratulations, Mike... Janitor CHARLIE RAJEWSKI is in Little Company of Mary hospital. Here's wishing him a speedy recovery. Charlie is the brother of Ticket Agent WALLY RAJEWSKI... Pensioner WILLIAM BLISS had lung surgery on February 29 and is coming along fine. All his CTA friends wish him a speedy recovery... Motorman TOM RAPP was in an accident recently and is presently on the sick list and wearing a neck brace. Hurry back, Tom, as you are really missed. Also on the sick list are: MARY JO OHNESORGE, VALERIE THOMAS, and "Fox" CONNER. We hope they will all return to work soon in good health...Student Agent RODNEY JACKSON and his wife, BRENDA, are the proud parents of a baby girl, RANDI JASMINE, born on February 12 weighing 6 pounds 8 ounces...TOM WIXTED, the son of Agent MARY WIXTED, is on cloud nine as he was hired by CTA as a bus operator,

a job he has long dreamed of. His father was a bus operator for about 17 years. Tom's wife and children are very thrilled because their daddy is going to drive one of those great big buses...Your co-reporter, GRACE MOUNTS, and her husband had a two-week vacation in Florida on February 6 and visited Disney World, Busch Gardens, Cypress Gardens, Lion Country Safari, and took in the dog races and won, but lost on the horses. They visited three sisters of Grace's and her son and his family. They also visited with ALEX MUSCATO in Hollywood, and had a nice chat. Alex said to tell all his friends at CTA hello for him. Grace also visited her nephew in Hialeah...Congratulations to VERN NORSTROM and his wife, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on February 22. Hope they have many more happy years together!

*- Grace Mounts & Katy Moriarty*

**NORTH AVENUE -**

Congratulations to two grandpas. One is Repairman JOSEPH HURMAN whose daughter, MARY PLESKEWICZ, gave birth to an 8½ pound baby girl, MICHELE, on December 14. The other is GEORGE SLADEK, repair department, whose daughter, ELIZABETH, presented him with an 8 pound 13 ounce grandson--his sixth grandchild...We received a welcome letter from our old friend, BILL ECHOLS. He has been in and out of the hospital several times, but is at home now. He sent along news about some of our pensioners. EDDIE HANSEN is in the hospital. HERB OUIMETTE and EDDIE CANNON lost their wives. THOMAS LEAHY passed away. We extend our deepest sympathy to these families. Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you that where I am there ye may be also." Eddie and his wife were the parents of movie actress MAUREEN CANNON. Bill says the last time he came home from the hospital there were over 50 letters waiting for him. The folks Bill lives with are very kind to him and he is happy there. We were also happy to hear from Pensioner CARL WINDMUELLER who is temporarily living in West Chicago...Supervisor WILLIAM GILLIS and his better half spent their vacation at Pompano Beach, Florida. Operator FLORIAN DWIEL and his spouse, EVA, enjoyed their vacation at St. Petersburg, Florida. The weather was warm. Many homes are being built there for pensioners...Pensioner SYLVESTER (Red) CAROLAN left for Tucson, Arizona, in January. The doctor felt the change of climate would be good for Red. It's a great time of year to get away from the snow and cold...We wish a speedy recovery to South Shops Foreman BILL KOSEK. I do hope he is back soon. I have the job of looking after his horse and I'm running out of oats... I hope you and your families had a great celebration on St. Patrick's day. I know most of you men are polishing up your fishing gear and golf clubs waiting for the good warm weather to come around...Operator EDWARD DOWLING visited New York on his vacation...We hope all of you had a blessed and happy Easter.

Once again a great big HELLO to everyone from the Inner Sanctum. Our first order of business is to get Instructor JIM BROGAN out of the dog house. It seems that his wife, EVELYN, wasn't at all happy that he forgot to mention that they had been married 31 years last January 21. If it's all right with the two of you, we will offer our belated congratulations and hope that Jim's memory will improve during the next 31 years. All of us in the office are anxiously looking forward to April 16. That's the day

ON HER recent visit to Florida, GRACE MOUNTS, co-reporter for Milwaukee, Lake & Douglas, is pictured here picking an orange in the back yard at the home of her brother-in-law, DICK BROMBERG. Dick retired as a Logan Square ticket agent in 1961, and previously worked on streetcars from Elston and Devon carbarns.

we are going to help Instructor Brogan blow out the candles on his birthday cake. Happy birthday, Grandpa!..Would anyone know whether Operator HARDER and his wife still have that 21-inch Crosley TV set that she won at a picnic way back in 1956...The HICKEYS, TOM and BEA, once again boarded their magic carpet and flew off to the land of Sunkist oranges and Disneyland, the State of California. Along with a side trip down to Mexico, they had a great time. Have you ever heard of going from Chicago to California by way of Atlanta, Georgia? Believe it or not, that's the way they went...Retired Supervisor CONNIE O'SHEA was a welcome visitor to the office recently. He's looking well and enjoying his retirement. We wonder how Mrs. O'SHEA likes having him under her feet all day. One of our informants had told us about a surprise retirement party given for Connie last January by his family. We were told that in spite of a band-aid on his thumb, the great virtuoso entertained the guests with several classical selections on the piano. In the event that the Shannon Rovers would like to enlist Connie's services, our informant would like very much to be his manager. Party refreshments included a specially made cake that contained a bit of Irish porter. Connie was also presented with a "curb check." It was nice seeing you Connie, drop in anytime...We are going to stray over to Keeler station to congratulate Operator HALL and his wife on the birth of their son, CHRISTOPHER, who was born January 7. Is the little guy still keeping you awake Hall?..We also wish to extend our most sincere sympathy to the family of Operator JOHNNIE O'SHEA, also of Keeler, on their recent bereavement. Yours truly had the pleasure of working with John for many years and always thought that he was a great guy. We also offer our sympathy to the following families: Superintendents BOB and LES KEAG, in the loss of their mother. Operator PELIKAN, in the loss of his father. Relief District Superintendent HILDEBRANT in the loss of his brother...If everything goes well, our next column should contain a twin announcement. Don't forget to look for it...Let's hope that by this time TOM SHANAHAN of Surface Operations has recovered from a bad accident that occured in February. Also, Superintendent VIC JOHNSON, of Forest Glen, who was hospitalized about the same time. And last, but by no means least, MARY LOU PERCE, the wife of Supervisor SOL (Jogger) PERCE, who also spent a few days in the hospital. To all of you, hurry up and get well and let's try to stay out of those places...Just one last request; all you operators that have any news items, be sure and put them in the Transit News box just outside the token sales window. All of you superintendents, clerks, supervisors, in-

structors and custodians, drop your news items off to me here at the switchboard. Between Bill and I, we'll see that your name gets into print as soon as possible. We also want to say "Goodbye, and good luck" to those of you who left North Avenue on the recent system pick. The welcome mat has been rolled out for those of you coming from other stations.

*- William Miedema & Walter Blix*

**NORTH PARK -**

Superintendents ALEX JOHNSON, EDWARD BRODD and WILLIAM PARNUM, along with the instruction force, wish to thank the operators and garage personnel for their part in setting a new all-time low accident record in 1971... Miss JOAN ELAINE MIKIETA, the daughter of Operator JOSEPH MIKIETA, was married on Saturday, February 12, to ROBERT J. MORTON Jr. The wedding was held at the First Baptist church of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, and was attended by 150 guests. The young couple honeymooned throughout Florida...Operator ELMER WILLENBROCK recently had his picture published in the Chicago Tribune when he was photographed shaking hands with Oakland Athletics pitcher Vida Blue at the Chicago baseball writers annual banquet...DEBRA SAUER, the daughter of Operator CHARLES SAUER, a sophomore at Roosevelt High school, won first place in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Voice of Democracy script writing and broadcast contest. Debra will now advance to Springfield to compete against other district winners for the State championship... MORT LIBERT, formerly an operator at North Park, is now working as a ticket agent on the Congress branch. Mort, who had been seriously ill, would like to thank his many friends for their prayers and cards during his recovery period...Operator FRANK LASKE paid off Operator JOHN WEBER with a bag of 3,000 pennies on a recent wager. John had to hire a taxicab to get the loot home as the weight of the bag was too much for him to carry...Pensioner LARRY BENNETT, formerly one of our fine supervisors in District D, writes to report that he is enjoying his pension life to the hilt, and doesn't mind the zero weather and snow, now...North Park Depot is sparkling and shining with a new paint job provided by painters RICH KRUGER, PAT WHITE, PETE PLUTA and JOHN LAZZARO...Pensioner ROY LEMKE and his wife, MARION, who are enjoying life in Forsyth, Missouri, have purchased a deluxe 35 foot Bass fishing boat equipped with an electric motor for trolling and a 35 horsepower motor. The boat also has three upholstered chairs and a large cooling box for food and beverages. I'll be looking for a free ride in April, Roy, when I come down to Forsyth... Operator HENRY HIGLEY, the most eligible bachelor of North Park, vacationed at Montego Bay, Jamaica, for two weeks in January. Henry reports that it was the most enjoyable vacation he has had... Operator WILLARD FRIEB and his wife, ADELAIDE, enjoyed their two-week vacation in Chicago's sub-zero weather by dining out at several outstanding restaurants. The Frieb's daughter, DEBORAH, presented her parents with a beautiful color TV set in appreciation of their kindness to her... Operator ZEKE JAGST and his wife, HILDA, celebrated their first wedding anniversary on February 20 and began their second honeymoon with a week of skiing at Indianhead Mountain in Wakefield, Michigan...Operator HILLARD DERENGOWSKI and his wife, GERALDINE, became the parents of a second child when a daughter, KARALIN JULIAN, was born on October 27 at Northwest hospital weighing 6 pounds 8 ounces... Operator RAVINDRA M. GORADIA became a father for the first time when his wife, SHIRLEY MAE, gave birth to a daughter named SHARMILA SHIRLEY on January 26 at Resurrection hospital. She weighed 6 pounds 14 ounces...Operator CHARLES CHRISTENSEN celebrated his 15th birthday on February 29 when he became 60 years of age. Charles' wife and children held an open house at their home and the festive occasion was enjoyed by all... Happy anniversaries are extended to the following: Operator KEESLER POLK Jr. and his wife, CHARLOTTE, their 8th; Operator DON BENNETT and his wife, MARIE, their 24th; Operator TOM DeCANTILLON and his wife, MARY, their 25th; Operator SEYMOUR STEINBERG and his wife, DOROTHY, their 35th; Operator GEORGE TORSON and his wife, JUNE, their 19th; Operator DON McKINNEY and his wife, BARBARA, their 18th; Pensioner IRVING MOSKOVITZ and his wife, ANN, their 42nd; Pensioner WILLIAM KLEPITCH and his wife, IRENE, their 43rd; Pensioner HARVEY GEHMAN and his wife, INGEBORG, their 38th; Pensioner ALBERT PARADISE and his wife, FAYE, their 8th; Instructor EDWARD SCHWAMB and his wife, DONNA, their 11th; Instructor JOE DAUGIRD and his wife, LOTTIE, their 32nd; Supervisor LARRY COSTLEY and his wife, MARY, their 26th, and Superintendent VICTOR JOHNSON and his wife, RUTH, their 32nd...Happy birthdays are extended to the following: BONNIE NEWMAN, STEVEN and CYNTHIA BUDZISZ, DANNY and LAURA KURCZEWSKI, HEIDI PESTINE, Operators WALTER ZINKOVICH, SOL MUSCARELLO, GEORGE TORSON, ARMAND DELGADILLO, CHESTER DAMIAN, LOUIS SCHWARTZ and GARY NOONAN, Receivers ED STENZEL and BILL CERKAN, Clerk RAY MILANOVICH, and Sanitary Engineer OSCAR ANDERSON... Our deepest sympathy and condolences are extended to Superintendents ROBERT and LES KEAG in the passing of their mother, Mrs. MYRTLE KEAG, and to Superintendent of Instruction TOM STIGLIC in the passing of his father, Mr. MATE STIGLIC...Operator PAUL COOK, who has been working as the number one box puller at North Park, retired on March 1. Paul, a member of the credit committee of the credit union, is going to relax and spend some time traveling around. We at North Park wish Paul and his wife, LAURA, many years of enjoyment in their golden years ahead...Congratulations to GENO BRACH on his promotion to garage instructor, and we all know he will be a good influence on the younger mechanics...NORA KARIOLICH, the daughter of Assistant Foreman ANDY KARIOLICH, became engaged on February 1 to RICHARD ACKART, a medical student at North Carolina State university. The young couple is planning a June wedding... Repairman PAUL SCHREVES vacationed at Miami Beach, Florida, and reports that he didn't have time to find a rich widow, but the weather and swimming in the Atlantic ocean was great...ART CARLSON and WILLIAM STAUNTON were also on vacation...Repairman ROBERT JOHNSON was hospitalized at St. Elizabeth hospital for a hernia operation and at this writing is recovering rapidly...The garage welcomes new Repairman AL RANDLE and Servicemen ROBERT TRACY and L. BIALEK...The sympathy of the garage is extended to Foreman PHIL O'CONNOR in the loss of his father, EDWARD O'CONNOR of Kerry County, Ireland, and also in the loss of his brother-in-law, JOHN GLEASON.

*- Melvin Horning*

**NORTH SECTION -**

Ticket Agent ROSE McANDREWS has returned to work after a long siege of illness and a stay in the hospital.

Rose wishes to thank all her many friends and co-workers for all their visits, calls and cards...Returning to work after being off sick were Agents SARA SIMMONS, TOM QUINLAN, and VALERIE BRADBERY who suffered a bad fall on an escalator. MARY GALLON, secretary at Howard Street office, was home with the flu bug. All the office employees missed her witty humor, and were glad to see her back again... Former Ticket Agent GERTHA WILLIAMS, who took a leave of absence, is now the proud mother of a baby girl... Howard Street Clerk TOM GUNN is still off sick. We all wish him a speedy recovery...Agent CATHERINE ZIEMBA has been seriously ill and in the hospital. We wish her a rapid recovery. Other agents on the sick list at this time are: M. McBRIDE, M. ROCHE, A. HORN, T. MOORE, J. SAINSBURY and A. WASHINGTON. Agent DORIS BARTHEN, Kimball A.M. agent, is presently at home very ill. Our well wishes, Doris... Student Agent MARY RAGO has received her engagement ring. Talk about being on cloud nine! Everyone is wondering where Mary found such a nice young man. As yet no date has been set for the wedding. Congratulations to the young couple... Kimball Avenue Station Superintendent BILL ROONEY and his wife celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on February 14. Mr. Rooney said they tripped the light fantastic at the Terrace Room in Lombard...Agents with one year anniversaries with the company are JEAN BOWENS and MATILDA WILSON, who also celebrated their birthdays on February 24. Happy birthday!..Agent VIVIAN LEE had a week's vacation and Vivian said she just goofed around and had a do-nothing vacation...Agent PEARL LANOFF flew to Texas for two weeks with her daughter...Congratulations to Agent LORRAINE ORR. Her son, ANGELLO, and his wife have made Lorraine one of the youngest looking grandmas on the line...While Janitor JOHN McCONVILLE was on vacation during the last part of February he had his toe operated on. What did you do, John? Drop the broom on it?.. Our sincere sympathy to Kimball Motorman RAY EGGEBRECHT in the passing of his father in Largo, Florida. Services were held in Hammond, Indiana, on February 17... Congratulations to JOE GOLDBERG who has been made chief collector on the North Section. We also have two new collectors, J. BRISTER and T. McKENNY...HUGH HEGARTY, secretary of Division 308, has informed us that the Blue Cross insurance will be discontinued April 14 and the Travelers becomes effective April 15. If anyone wishes to know more, or has any questions, be sure to get the correct answers by calling the union office at ST2-4665. . . Question! Has anyone heard from former Agents FEDELMA HENRY or BETTY HAWKINS? Many of their former co-workers have been asking about them...I would like to make a correction on a typographical error; Superintendent of Agents and Janitors J. W. BRUCKER and Mrs. BRUCKER recently celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary--not their 30th (sorry boss). . . Supervisor JACK PRITT celebrated his birthday on February 26. To Jack we say happy birthday and many more. Also to JOHN McCONVILLE and JIMMY QUON. Birthday greetings also to the following men who had birthdays in February: C. HOWARD, W. WOFFORD, W. COX, E. JAMISON, N. MOORE, R. RIDDLE, R. WALTER, J. TURNER, L. MURPHY, J. NAPLES, J. WILIEKO, S. MIRALLEGRO, R. FRANKE, H. RANDELL, J. WILLIAMS, R. JACKSON, W. ROLAND, E. JAMES, B. BUCKLEY, E. PALMER, J. NAVY, W. RICHARDS, M. SZCZECIN and T. GREEN...The officers of your credit union stand ready to help you should the need arise. Your credit union might not be the "big bank with the little bank inside", but it could prove to be a valuable asset in your future...Now that the vacation picks are over, remember, should you take a trip or whatever you might do, your fellow workers would like to hear about it. Remember your Transit News. Nothing is printed unless you, yourself let us know. Your news can be left at the Howard or Kimball offices. Let's see the North Section better represented from now on.

*- Tina Henke*

**PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -**

Superintendent of Stores J. T. HARTY and his wife recently enjoyed a trip to Florida. They left behind the 7 degree weather of Chicago and headed for the 87 degree Florida weather. While there they stopped at Zephyr Hills, Disney World and Ft. Lauderdale. They also visited Mr. Harty's sister and a cousin. They spent an enjoyable time with Mr. and Mrs. ED DEVINE, a former buyer for CTA. They send their regards to everyone. The Harty's vacation ended with a return trip via Washington, D. C., for a delightful visit with their grandchildren, and are back in Chicago's 7 degree temperature. Welcome back!..CATHY CLOUGH, former reporter for Transit News, and her husband, HARRY, welcomed the arrival of their son, HARRY MARTIN Jr., who weighed in at 7 pounds 10 ounces...JOAN THOMAS, formerly of Purchasing and her husband, JIM, also welcomed the arrival of their daughter, MONICA... TONY DI GIOVANNI, Stores, became a grandfather on January 15 when his daughter gave birth to a baby boy, MATTHEW JOHN BIEWER, in Manhattan Beach, California, where she resides...And what about this one? JOHN SPRINGER, Stores, became a grandfather for the 26th time when his daughter gave birth to 7 pound 8 ounce JAMES DANIEL McGRATH. John now has 13 grandsons and 13 granddaughters. Congratulations to all of you... Get well wishes are extended to TERESA DE LEONARDIS, Purchasing, who underwent surgery. Hurry back, Teresa... LEE DeSUTTER's husband, FRANK, is also on the sick list. We all wish you a speedy recovery... Wedding bells rang on February 26 for MARY ANN WALLACE, Stores, who became Mrs. JAMES BURNS. The happy couple is spending two weeks in Acapulco, Mexico...After a tiring day at work, JILL MISE of Specifications was heading home recently when a rock came hurtling through the window of the train and hit her on the head. After much confusion, Jill only had one thing to say, "Why me?"..MIKE TOOLIS, the son of JIM TOOLIS, Purchasing, recently made the dean's list at Illinois University in Urbana. Congratulations, Mike!..We would like to wish PATRICK JOYCE of Stores a long, happy and healthy retirement. Patrick retired on March 1 after 29 years of service.

*- Cecilia Trucco & John Gill*

**OPERATIONS (Transportation) -**

Sugar and spice and everything nice, that's what little girls are made of. On February 12, the VODVARKAS became the proud and happy parents of a new 6 pound 13 ounce baby girl named JENNIFER ANN. Congratulations to JOE and MARILYN. They now have two boys and two girls. Another proud person in our office is JULIE WILLEM who became a grandmother twice within 15 days. RAYMOND and ADELINA WILLEM had their first baby, ANA MARIE, who weighed 7½ pounds, then on February 15, KARLA ANN was born weighing 8 pounds 6 ounces. Her parents, KEN-

# RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYES

ARTHUR G. ANDERSON, 70, South Section,
Emp. 12-10-17, Died 1-1-72
MATE BABICH, 75, Frog Shop,
Emp. 8-25-19, Died 1-11-72
EMIL F. BAEHREND, 72, 77th Street,
Emp. 4-15-24, Died 1-6-72
CRUTCHFIELD F. BAKER, 70, North Park,
Emp. 5-20-25, Died 1-25-72
THOMAS J. BARRETT, 75, Lawndale,
Emp. 7-26-27, Died 1-21-72
JOSEPH BARSKIS, 87, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 10-4-44, Died 1-21-72
OTTO C. BRUEBACH, 69, Kedzie,
Emp. 12-27-33, Died 1-15-72
FRANCESCO BRUNO, 70, Track,
Emp. 8-4-29, Died 1-27-72
ARTHUR C. BURGSTROM, 83, Devon,
Emp. 7-15-25, Died 1-12-72
NATALE CALE, 73, Track & Structures,
Emp. 10-20-41, Died 1-31-72
JOHN H. CAMPBELL, 72, Kedzie,
Emp. 10-10-44, Died 1-9-72
JOHN CARROLL, 87, Devon,
Emp. 6-7-06, Died 1-3-72
ENRICO COSENTINO, 85, Track,
Emp. 9-16-29, Died 1-20-72
THOMAS J. CURNANE, 71, Lawndale,
Emp. 7-25-27, Died 1-15-72
CARL J. DAHLBERG, 73, Kedzie,
Emp. 8-14-23, Died 1-22-72
WILLIAM H. DAWE, 75, Kimball,
Emp. 12-5-23, Died 1-18-72
DAVID E. EVANS, 68, Public Information,
Emp. 11-23-53, Died 1-29-72
THOMAS GEARY, 76, Beverly,
Emp. 5-5-31, Died 1-16-72
NICK GRBO, 83, Way & Structures,
Emp. 4-19-22, Died 10-20-71
WALTER GRUBNER, 82, 69th Street,
Emp. 2-29-10, Died 1-6-72
WILLIAM HEELAN, 71, West Section,
Emp. 4-13-18, Died 1-10-72
MICHAEL J. HOWLEY, 68, 77th Street,
Emp. 11-10-42, Died 1-23-72
JOHN F. KAPLAN, 50, North Avenue,
Emp. 1-2-47, Died 2-7-72
JOSEPH KISELUS, 56, Technical Services,
Emp. 4-26-40, Died 2-25-72
ARTHUR F. KRUEGER, 66, Archer,
Emp. 12-1-14, Died 12-20-71
MICHAEL E. LAVCEK, 83, West Shops,
Emp. 8-22-21, Died 12-30-71
EDWARD MORAVEC, 78, 77th Street,
Emp. 4-4-24, Died 1-24-72
THOMAS F. O'GARA, 82, 77th Street,
Emp. 12-4-19, Died 1-13-72
JOHN E. O'SHEA, 58, Keeler,
Emp. 8-30-43, Died 2-4-72
LESTER M. O'SHEA, 64, North Avenue,
Emp. 6-5-29, Died 1-8-72
ALEX G. PETERSON, 72, Treasury,
Emp. 6-1-16, Died 1-19-72
ARVID P. PETERSON, 74, Limits,
Emp. 10-29-29, Died 1-5-72
LEONARD D. PETERSON, 77, West Section,
Emp. 6-23-47, Died 1-1-72
CHARLES J. POWERS, 67, 69th Street,
Emp. 8-23-23, Died 1-14-72
GEORGE D. PRINZING, 73, West Section,
Emp. 6-5-23, Died 1-7-72
EARL PROVIS, 58, 52nd Street,
Emp. 2-15-47, Died 2-6-72
FRANK J. PUODZIUNAS, 82, South Shops,
Emp. 3-14-45, Died 1-25-72
STEPHEN J. RALINOVSKY, 85, West Shops,
Emp. 8-1-27, Died 1-3-72
DANIEL RAYMOND, 46, Building,
Emp. 2-26-68, Died 2-28-72
MARTIN J. REIDY, 67, 69th Street,
Emp. 6-21-29, Died 1-16-72
GEORGE ROSE, 61, Kedzie,
Emp. 4-24-42, Died 1-4-72
ANDREW RUSINAK, 47, Skokie Shops,
Emp. 9-4-69, Died 2-17-72
FRED A. SCHULTZ, 66, Kedzie,
Emp. 8-18-36, Died 1-27-72
JOSEPH P. SHEA, 71, Kedzie,
Emp. 11-4-22, Died 1-20-72
MATE STIGLIC, 90, Track,
Emp. 6-8-21, Died 1-16-72
BEN I. TWERY, 79, Accounting,
Emp. 1-28-24, Died 1-25-72
MIKOLAS WENCKUS, 85, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 9-14-09, Died 1-21-72
EDWARD T. WROBLESKI, 60, Archer,
Emp. 8-18-36, Died 12-29-71

NETH and JANET SVATOS, now have three girls...Not long ago LORRAINE BRAZZLE took a trip to Augusta, Georgia, where she visited with her sister and her family. The weather was beautiful and the temperature was in the 70's everyday. Lorraine even got a chance to go bike riding. They all had a real good time and enjoyed their first ride on a 747...In the Charter Section JANICE VANDERHORST announced her engagement to WAYNE ORLOWSKI and set the wedding for October 21, 1972. MAUREEN O'REILLY announced her engagement to LARRY PALMER with the date set for November 18, 1972. Congratulations to all of you...JESSE RODRIGUEZ, Charter Service sales manager, and his wife motored through Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas for three weeks. They visited Barksdale Air Force Base in Shreveport, Louisiana. On March 17 they also visited their son, GLENN, in Newport, Rhode Island, who was commissioned as an officer in the Navy. Glenn will be transferred to San Diego aboard the USS Kitty Hawk for an extensive tour of the Southwest Pacific as one of the engineering officers. Jesse and his wife then traveled to Maryland to visit their other son, DANIEL, a corpsman second class, who is stationed at Bethesda Naval hospital. They are very proud of their sons.

**(Utility and Emergency Service) -**

HOWARD SURRETT drove to Clearwater, Florida, for his vacation. He also stopped at the Smoky Mountains. The weather was ideal going, but on the return trip he experi-

enced driving through rain, sleet and snow...FRED WILSON spent his vacation in New Mexico enjoying weather in the 60's everyday. While there he wondered what the weather was like in Chicago, but didn't miss it a bit...We recently heard from Pensioner PETE CARPINO who is spending several months in Florida. He said the temperature has been in the 80's and he goes swimming everyday. It sure sounds like retirement is quite a life...We extend our sympathy to the families of MILTON CUMBERLANDER and FRANK MENDYK whose mothers recently passed away; SAM JAVORSKY in the loss of his father; FRANK FIORE whose sister passed away; JAMES MOORE in the loss of his mother-in-law, and TONY MUSTACCHIO and A. C. WORKS whose fathers-in-law recently passed away.

*- Colette Szczepanek*

**RAPID TRANSIT MAINTENANCE TERMINALS -**

Congratulations to TERRY and GAIL BERNERD, Wilson, who were recently wed. Wishes for many years of happiness are sent their way. Congratulations are also in line for ROBERT and CHERYL BLICHARZ, Linden, who also were recently wed. Best wishes for years of happiness together are extended to Bob and Cheryl...Condolences to JOHN HOFFSTAD, Wilson, and his family in the passing of his father...Our sympathy to IRVING PATTERSON, Howard, and his family in the passing of his brother...Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH MARTINER, Wilson, on the birth of a daughter, THERESA MARIE...The welcome mat is extended to ROGER CHOLLY, new car serviceman at Wilson. Roger transferred from Dan Ryan...Our sympathy to ED STAMBORSKI, Kimball, and his family in the passing of his mother February 22...Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to G. VAN NORMAN and W. McHUGH, Kimball, who are recuperating at home, and to S. DOBER, Kimball, who is in St. Mary's hospital...W. McKAY and J. CHALMERS, Kimball, enjoyed a mid-winter vacation...A trip to Cleveland, Ohio, is how W. THORNTON, Dan Ryan, spent his vacation... Our condolences to GEORGE NICHOLSON, Dan Ryan, and his family in the passing of his sister-in-law, Mrs. EUNICE WIGGANS...Our sympathy is also extended to TED FRIEND, Dan Ryan, and his family in the passing of his grandson...In vows exchanged at the Methodist Chapel at Northwestern university, CATHY GUTT, the daughter of T. GUTT, Dan Ryan, became Mrs. JAMES HOOD on January 24. After a reception at the Skokie Country club, the newlyweds left for Los Angeles where they will reside. Best wishes for happiness everlasting are sent their way...Congratulations to DANIEL WITTENBERG, Congress, and MARIE O'SULLIVAN who exchanged marriage vows on February 6 at St. Dionysius church. Wishes for a long life together are sent to the newlyweds... Our condolences to SAM MILAZZO, Congress, and his family in the passing of his father-in-law, JOHN SALAMONE...Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to J. NEELY, Congress, who is on the sick list...A trip south of the border to sunny Mexico was enjoyed by M. VASQUEZ, Congress, on his recent three-week vacation...Best of luck to DON SANDUK, Congress, and his family in their new home... Another soon-to-be homeowner is R. SCHEIBE, Congress, who is having his dream palace built to order... P. SABADOSA, Congress, spent a week seeing the sights of Florida...Our sympathy to D. VANTOR, Congress, and his family in the passing of their mother...Our sympathy to the family of Pensioner A. PASSERO who passed away on February 20...Best of luck to C. SCALES, Congress, who resigned after 16½ years with the company. Scales is moving to Evansville, Indiana, to start his own business...A hearty welcome back to R. REUTELL, Wilson, who returned from military service.

*- Ray Brzeczek*

NEIL J. COTTER (right) retired March 1 as a bus handler at South Shops, closing out his 42-year transit career which started when he was hired by Chicago Surface Lines as a motorman at Kedzie Station. Presenting a retirement gift was Mechanical Section Foreman JAMES B. FORRESTAL. Looking on from behind are (from left) Supervisor of Shop Services EDWARD BRACH and Bus Handlers RALPH POTTS and JOHN WALSH.

**SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -**

JOE VIOLA celebrated his birthday on February 2, groundhog day. Many more happy birthdays...MARY ANN COX, former typist, gave birth to a baby girl, KATHLEEN BRIDGET, on February 10. Congratulations to mom and dad...We welcome JOE RITROVATO to the department as a traffic clerk, and W. TAYLOR, W. W. SMITH and G. GRIFFIN as traffic checkers...BILL WORCESTER spent three wonderful warm weeks during January in Florida soaking up the sunshine with his wife and son. He stayed at Boca Raton and motored down to Miami and the Keys, went deep sea fishing, swimming and pleasure boating. On the way home he stopped at Disney World near Orlando, which he said is fabulous...ED JOYCE is sporting a new 1972 Torino. ..Pensioner JOE DeGRAZIA paid the office a visit and looks like he is enjoying his retirement...JAY KELLY sent us a letter from Sun City, Arizona, and said the weather is wonderful...Happy Easter to all.

*- Kathryn Batina*

**SKOKIE SHOPS -**

GARY OLSEN, carpenter, is the proud owner of a Gran Sport Buick with a 455 engine. Watch it, Gary, it's fast... IVO DIPIERO, carpenter, is on the sick list. Get well quick, Ivo, so you can enjoy that new Buick LeSabre... MICHAEL CONDON, electrical worker, suffered a fractured ankle due to an accident at work. Our sympathy, Mike, and hurry back...MICHAEL FABIAN, machinist, and his family are enjoying a new Ford Galaxie. Lots of luck, Mike...WILLIAM POWELL, electrical worker, and his wife are the proud parents of a baby girl, JENNIFER LYNN,

born February 14 weighing 6 pounds 9 ounces and 19 inches long. Lots of happiness to mother and father...EDWARD MAY, electrical worker, and ALYCE MAY, clerk, are the proud owners of a new Newport Royal Chrysler. It will be easy now to get to California to see their grandson, GREGORY. Greg's mother, KATHRYN RYAN, is a former employee of the Public Information Department. Hope you both enjoy the new car...GARY WILSON, electrical worker, is the proud owner of a new Plymouth Fury. Lots of luck, Gary...THOMAS TORREY, electrical worker, and his wife, KATHRYN, became the proud parents of their third boy, SHAUN THOMAS, born January 27 weighing 9 pounds 6½ ounces and 23 inches long. Lots of happiness for both parents. Their other sons are PAUL, 6 years old, and GARY, 3 years old...BEN LUCIA, electrical worker, retired on February 1 and is now enjoying and doing things that he did not have time for before. We hope you and your wife enjoy many years of pensioned life...EDWARD REYNOLDS, sheet metal worker, is the happy owner of a new Ford Sport Torino. Lots of luck, Ed.

*- Everett E. England*

**SOUTH SECTION -**

Here I am at last writing my column. I know many people are wondering why I haven't written for so long. Well, I was off sick for eight weeks, from the middle of December to February 7 because of a perforated ulcer. I was hospitalized for 18 days and had an operation. I had a pretty bad time of it for awhile, but God was good to me and I'm back to work now. I'm on a strict diet, everything broiled and lots of milk. Last week the doctor lifted some of the restrictions so I can eat more now, but no more pizzas, barbecued ribs and all the goodies I used to love. Darn it! I've quit smoking too on doctor's orders, and I lost 15 pounds which I could stand to lose (I hope I don't gain it back). I'm coming along slow but sure and I'm starting to feel like myself again and looking forward to spring (maybe by then I'll be able to eat more). So that is my apology for not writing a column for such a long time. Also I want to thank everyone for all their kindnesses, cards and calls while I was on the sick list. I will never forget how good people were to me. I don't want to rehash over too much old news--no doubt everyone has heard it all by now--but I will go over some of it briefly so we can get caught up...Many things happened while I was home. There was a change in superintendents on January 23. Assistant station superintendent at 95th Street STANLEY CHRIST was transferred to the West Section and DON LEMM came in his place. Superintendent of Agents and Janitors ROBERT ROESING was also transferred to the West Section and in his place came FRENCHIE ELLIS. Best wishes to our transferees and welcome aboard to their replacements... We also had a little change of clerks on the system pick on December 12 and welcomed back from the West Section ED GREEN and WILLIE GODBOLD...Going on pension while I was off were Agents MARY McDONNELL and THOMAS BELAND, Janitor HAROLD STEDMAN, and Conductor WILLIAM ROWE. Hope they all have wonderful retired lives...Now for the sad part. We lost several employees and pensioners: Retired Supervisor ROBERT BROWN passed away October 18 (that was such a shock), Agents SEBERON HITCHCOCK and EUGENE GRAHAM, and Janitor HENRY HARRIS passed away suddenly. Retired International Vice President PAT GANLEY passed away in September as did Retired Agent JOHN RYBAKOWSKI. Motorman WALTER JOGERST, who was sick for many months, passed away in November, and one of my retired bosses, Assistant Station Superintendent ARTHUR ANDERSON from Loomis Street, passed away in January. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to all their families...Good news was that Switchman JOHN PARKER, who was injured and on the sick list for so many months, came back to work as an agent on the West Section...Congratulations to Towerman PHILIP AURIEMMA who became a supervisor a few months ago...This is old news, but I must tell you about Clerk JOE BRENNAN who went on pension September 1. He's doing just wonderful and loves retirement. Before he left 95th Street, the clerks gave him a big send-off. The delightful Mrs. Brennan came and joined in the celebration. A token of remembrance was presented to him. Clerks AL RAKESTRAW and BOB LEE are to be congratulated for such a nice spread of food (that's when I could eat). Al's mother brought the most delicious ham for sandwiches. Everyone hated to see Joe go, but we're happy for him... Birth announcements: Janitor ARTHUR SCHOENKE had a baby girl, DIANE MARIE, and Clerk TYRONE BROWN had a baby girl named SHERI. Conductor JOHN KALTSAS had his first grandchild (boy is he getting old) named DEAN JAMES, and from our District Office, VERN BURGESS had his sixth grandchild, a baby girl named DONNA MARIE... The following pensioners came to Chicago for visits before I was sick: Agent ELIZABETH BUCKLEY came in from her home in Hawaii because her sister passed away, Switchman WILLIAM (Babe) SAUNDERS and his wife were in Chicago from their home in Florida for a visit, Conductor WILLIAM DOHERTY and his wife came up from St. Petersburg to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at Nielsen's restaurant, Conductor SAM HILL came up from Port Charlotte, Florida, for a visit, while Conductor PHARAOH (Mother-in-law) CAIN who lives here in Chicago came to Ashland office for a visit. He had just come back from Jackson, Mississippi. He loves Mississippi and maybe will go to live there this year...This is old news, too, but I must tell you about our wonderful pensioned agent's dinner and Christmas party which was held December 5 at Sharko's restaurant. Honored at the dinner this time were new pensioners Agent HELEN SHANNON and Clerk JOE BRENNAN, and they looked just wonderful. There was a huge, huge crowd and the food was good and we had a grab bag. A token of remembrance was presented to both Helen and Joe. Our hats are off to Retired Assignment Agents LULU HAMANN and ROSE HEIDENBLUT who put this party on. Each party seems better than the last. We don't know how they do it, but they do...Retired Conductor JOSEPH MASCOLINO asked me to write about their pensioners meeting being held on a different floor at 32 W. Randolph Street. The meeting is held the third Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. on the 9th floor. All who can should attend because they have such a good time...While I wasn't writing, some of our employees lost their loved ones: Conductor JOHN DANEK lost his wife, as did Switchman MARION COLEMAN and Janitor JAMES STRONG. Switchman HERMAN LOUISVILLE lost his father. Our hearts go out to these people in their loss...Also Mrs. HICKEY, the wife of deceased Station Superintendent LESTER HICKEY, who lived in California, passed away...Marriage Item: Motorman EDWARD KING was married to GWENDOLYN BUNNER a few months ago. A happy married life is wished the newlyweds.

Well that about covers the highlights of the old news; now on with the current. Congratulations to Conductor

CARL SCHEUERMANN who recently had his tenth grandchild, a baby girl...Division 308 Vice President CHARLES LOUGHRAN had been on the sick list and in the hospital, but he is back working now...The BOB ROESINGS, superintendent of agents and janitors, recently had a nice vacation down in Florida. First they went to the new Disney World, which they said was more elaborate than the California Disneyland, and then they went and visited with his mother who lives in Clearwater...On the sick list at this time are Conductors JOSEPH MITTLER and FRANK PONZIANO and Agent RUTH LOVELL, who were in the hospital but are home now recuperating. Also on the sick list are Conductors ALFRED CRISLER and THOMAS DOUGLAS. Hope they all come back to work soon...The TONY JAGLAS vacationed in beautiful Hawaii and loved it. They said the weather was perfect and everyone should make the trip... Agent CHRISTINE EVANS wishes to thank all the CTA employees who were so kind to her when her father passed away recently and she says "May God's blessings and love be bestowed upon all of you."..Supervisor DON MURPHY and his wife, GEN, vacationed down in Port Richey, Florida. They bought a nice home down there and when they go on pension soon it will be ready for them. That sure is nice to look forward to. . . Agent MAXINE JEFFERSON wishes to thank all her co-workers on behalf of her family and herself for their thoughtfulness and comfort when her father passed away recently and says "May God forever bless each and everyone of you and your families."..Retired Motorman ED HENNESSY and his wife, VIOLA, are spending part of the winter down in Tucson, Arizona, and having a good time visiting all their friends in Phoenix, Scottsdale, and Tucson...Chief Clerk JIM MARTINEK was beaming from ear to ear when he told us about his daughter, DELORES, having a little baby girl. This makes nine grandchildren for the Martineks.

*- Verna Hartney*

**SOUTH SHOPS -**

The reporters would like to apologize to WALLY OLENICK, foreman of Area 349, on the article about his son TOMMY's wife having the baby. It was DAVE and his wife who became proud parents...JIM FELTZ says his name is not JAMES ERNEST FELTZ, but ERNEST JAMES FELTZ. ..Congratulations to AL SHIMKUS, Area 342, on being presented a bronze star in January for his heroic and meritorious achievement in World War II...The South Shops extends congratulations to MARY ROHE, clerk-typist, and DENNIS ROHE of Area 318. Mary is leaving to become a mother for the first time and Dennis is the proud father-to-be...The South Shops would like to extend its sympathy to the family of JOE KISELUS, Technical Services supervisor, who passed away while undergoing surgery on Friday, February 25...Congratulations to WAYNE STAPLES, Area 348, and AL SAMASKA Jr. who became machinist journeymen in February and also to E. WILSON and ALLAN COX of Area 344 who became electrical journeymen last month...CHARLEY BUZA, shop clerk, just returned from a six-week vacation in Angola, Indiana. While there, he was preparing for his retirement in May, 1972. . . Congratulations to ROY BOVINGDON, Area 349, who retired on March 1 after 30 years of service. Roy is moving to Phoenix, Arizona...A warm welcome goes out to DENISE PATHEIGER who is replacing MARY ROHE here at South Shops. Denise came to us from the Stores Department in the Merchandise Mart...If the spirit of the old Greek philosopher,

**MARIE AND BILL CLINE** are pictured here aboard the whaling ship Carthiginian, moored at the island of Maui, when they recently toured the Hawaiian Islands.

Diogenes the Cynic, should invade Bay 6, he would surely pause and gaze at ED AUGUSTINE, mechanic in Area 342. The pause would indicate that his search for an honest man had culminated successfully. The reason--without batting an eye, and with no hesitation, Ed returned to the Thillens cashier an overpayment of $50 that he had mistakenly received when he cashed his check...AL WENDT, shop steward of Local No. 701, was off one day with a bad back. Don't be surprised if his facsimile appears on the new Camel cigarette package...JOE McCRAY became a grandfather for the first time when a baby boy weighing 8 pounds 6 ounces was born on February 23. BILL ELDRIDGE, Brake Department, became a grandfather for the second time when his son, GREY, and his wife became the proud parents of a 6 pound baby girl.

*- Elaine Stewart & Ernie Johnson*

**52ND STREET -**

The 11th annual credit union meeting was well attended in spite of the sub-normal weather. Reports were given by ERNEST HILL, president, TYLER PHILPOTT, treasurer, ROBERT HOLMES, chairman of the credit committee, FRED POWELL, chairman of the supervisory committee, and CHARLES O'KANE, chairman of the membership committee. All reports were unanimously approved. Reelected to the Board of Directors were: Ernest Hill, J. P. NELSON, and ALVIN DAVIS. Also elected as directors were: ALVIN POTTS Jr., FRED POWELL, and SAMUEL WILLIAMS. There are now 11 members serving on the board. We were also honored with the presence of WARREN SCHOLL, president of Division 241, JAMES PATE, financial secretary-treasurer of 241, DANIEL McFADDEN, secretary of 241, WILLIAM G. LARSEN, first vice-president of 241, TEENA ROCKMORE, In Transit scribe for Division 241 Auxiliary, and JAMES OUSLEY, field representative for the Illinois Credit Union League. Their talks were very inspiring. A new credit union payroll deduction plan will go into effect with the pay period ending April 8. Under the new plan, deductions will be made biweekly instead of monthly. The CTA is to be congratulated for accepting this plan as it will double their work load. We should respond immediately and sign up to INCREASE our credit union savings. See Philpott or Potts and sign up at once. An increase in savings means an increase in service...If our repair department keeps getting all those awards, they are going to be hard to get along with. Yes, they did it again. They won 3 out of 4 for the year. Fore-

man GUSTAVE PAVELKA is a real proud fellow. Oh, yes, Repair Clerk DORSEY GARNER got his ham and eggs... SUSIE JONES, the wife of Repairman PAUL JONES, was graduated from a course that could be a first. It is called Pediatric Nurse Associates. With the increasing need for child care services, this will be filled by these nurses serving in expanded roles. Susie is most excited with her new position...After 28 years, OBED BULLITT is leaving 52nd Street. Bullitt says he really hates to leave, but those downtown runs are getting the best of him...A little note to the Jeffery operators--that new 1972 Chrysler LeBaron parked out there belongs to Operator GEORGE (Grandfather) STEPTOE, so pass real slow...Operator FRANK W. NICHOLS, a widower for eight years, was married to the former CONSTANCE YOUNG on February 26. Congratulations to both of you...Did you miss Clerk McKNIGHT the last two weeks? He was assigned to Keeler Station during the system pick. Good to see you back, Mac...Operators J. CROSS, L. ANDERSON and C. WILLIAMS all had operations. If you can, drop in and say hello or send them a card...Repairman STIMAN CRAWFORD has returned to work after being off sick for eight weeks. Guess what he is talking about now? Going on vacation.

*- John L. Hudson*

**69TH STREET -**

A big welcome is extended to all the men who came to 69th Street on the system pick. You will not find a better boss than Superintendent G. PEYTON, or Assistant Superintendent J. PETROSIUS and Relief Superintendent R. ZEIGER. In fact, I think those who left 69th must want to come back. We did lose one of our favorite clerks, LARRY HELINSKI, via the pension route. He was given a nice dinner at the station, prepared by our janitorial staff, SIG WODARCZYK, L. MARSHALL and L. PAGE. The main course was "Polska Kielbasa", better known as Polish sausage. Besides our own staff, some of the dignitaries who came to wish him luck were: Superintendent J. KNERR, 77th Street; Superintendent W. MOSER, Archer; Chief Clerk A. HILLSTROM, 52nd Street; Chief Clerk HENDERSON, Archer; Superintendent of Operating Stations G. RILEY; Assistant Superintendent of Operating Stations C. GIBES; Chief Clerk of Transportation Department J. TUCKER; Supervisors R. PRYOR and T. SPRATT, and Pensioners J. LOGAY, A. LIPPHARDT, E. GOEBEL, RED GREEN, and R. ALBRECHT. The clerks were in force with B. BECKER, F. ROONEY, B. LEWIS, CARTER and MOORE. Also on hand was Board Member MORRIS, and from the credit union we had TONY VANDENBURG, BILL DONAHUE and T. COOK; from the instruction section was SWANSON, JOHNSON, ROSS and O'DONNELL. It was said that O'Donnell took a few days off just to digest all the goodies he ate. We will all miss Larry, and wish to thank him for the help and small favors he rendered to so many of us...The instructors would like to thank all the operators at 69th for keeping our accident rate down in February. We got 3 rooneys in a row, and 4 altogether. So remember, safety first and always, and drive defensively...The credit union annual meeting was a huge success. Among the pensioners who attended were: BILL YEATMAN, H. E. JAMES, E. K. NASH, W. BERZEK, PETER VANDA, FRED GAUSTAD, JAMES CHAMBERS, BERT MIRABELLA, PAT LALLY and MILLARD ENSWORTH who had just returned from a 5,000-mile tour of the Southwest. JOHN TIFFY was there, and he is now a grandpa of a baby girl born on February 10. Among the prize winners were: P. VANDA and PERCY ROUNDS, $10 each; E. BARLEY, T. GROGAN, L. ROSS, S. HAMILTON, M. PURCER, E. HIMEL, B. DuBOSE, M. JOHNSON, G. MELANDER, W. REED, and H. SANGER, $5 each. We can be proud of the job the officers are doing with our savings, so let's give them our entire support. Assistant Superintendent of Operating Stations C. GIBES, our former superintendent at 69th, gave a wonderful speech, and promised Swaneon a trip to the moon if we got 3 rooneys in a row. He also let it slip as to the type of bus we will have at 69th when he said to take a good look at the Forest Glen equipment...Our newlywed, HANK RISCH, says things are getting tough because he saw DENNESAITES looking for newspapers. Hank said he is going to teach MORRIE DYKHAUSEN, loader at the Ashland "L", how to drive before he gets hurt. Hank will surely get hurt if his bride finds out that he gets flowers from the crossing guards...McGOWAN, known as the fastest key at the vaults, disappointed his wife when all he could give her for Valentine's day was some soft ice cream...H. H. TAYLOR Jr. is the last man on the list at 69th Street...Our number one man, J. WILSON, combined his anniversary and birthday with a weekend plus two extra days off to take his wife on a cruise to Nassau...G. SANDERS went to Austria to ski and race in the Alps. He stayed at the Hotel Flexon. He also visited Zurich, Paris, Munich and Rome...G. WHITE had nine days of golfing in the Bahamas. He left at 8 a.m. and teed off at 12:45 p.m. On the gambling tables he won $2,000, only to drop most of it the next day. B. Avery, of the Chicago Tribune, was among the 127 people in the group who went on the tour. White said that D. SMITH didn't go because he could only play on Chicago courses...A. J. VANDENBURG has bought his retirement home in Florida and can hardly wait to move in...DAKE has his fishing resort all set up in Wisconsin...BILL DONAHUE claims he runs Marquette his way..."Scratch" BELL was late one day and said it was because the people liked him so much...J. GRADY returned from disability and promptly picked Beverly Station...EARL WATSON is out of the hospital and doing fine...The silent reaper passed our way and took the brother of Operator MERRITT; the mother of Operator JOSEPH KELSO, Mrs. HATTIE B. KELSO; and Mrs. BERNICE CHAP, the mother-in-law of CASS URBIK. Cass also lost his brother, WALTER URBIK. Our deepest sympathy to all...H. McCAULEY, DAN McCAULEY's brother, was on my bus and he looks great...We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of JOE KISELUS who passed away. Joe was one of the Technical Services engineers...On the sick list at this time is EDDIE SMOLENSKI and SPENCER BENNETT. We wish them a speedy recovery...We recently heard from some of our pensioners. They are: JOE GAMEN, DENNY GRIFFIN, WILLIE FAHEY, LUKE MORLEY, JIM DONALDSON, and BILL LORENZEN. All are doing fine and wish to be remembered to all...EDDIE KULPIT and JOHN GRADY have returned to work after their recent illnesses. Here's hoping they will keep up the good work and the best of health to both of them...FRANK PICWAS, formerly of 69th, paid us a visit and we were very glad to see him. It was good to sit down and talk about the good old days...We offer our deepest sympathy to the family of BILL BERNDT, machinist, in the loss of his mother...ROGER SZAFRANSKI, the son of Foreman PETE SZAFRANSKI, was graduated from Northwestern university with high honors...Don't forget the mail box--drop in your news items, please.

*- Art Buesing & Jimmy Ahern*

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The purchase of U.S. Savings Bonds on the CTA Payroll Savings Plan provides a convenient, painless way to save for your children's education, to save for a new home or car, or to establish a retirement fund to supplement your CTA retirement plan. CTA does the bookwork and you reap the benefits.

It is my pleasure as Chairman of the Chicago Transit Board, to launch this year's CTA Savings Bond Drive which will be conducted from May 1 to May 31.

Savings Bonds draw 5½% interest when held to maturity of 5 years, 10 months, and they continue to draw interest when held beyond maturity which makes them even more desirable for a long-range savings goal.

I urge each of you to join me in enrolling in the Payroll Savings Plan during the drive. If you are already enrolled, increase your deduction. With your support the campaign this year can be the best that we have had at CTA.

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# Board unveils design for 100 new "L" cars

THE DESIGN for 100 air-conditioned rapid transit cars was revealed by Chicago Transit Board on April 6 when the Board authorized the taking of bids for their construction.

The cars were styled by the nationally recognized industrial design firm of Sundberg-Ferar who also designed the cars for the Bay Area Rapid Transit (San Francisco) and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Washington, D.C.).

Importantly, rigid specifications have been established for noise and vibration control in the manufacture of the cars. Construction will be such that exterior and interior noise levels will be greatly reduced. (CTA recently engaged the firm of Wilson, Ihrig & Associates, Inc., to study existing noise and vibration levels in trains operating in subway and on elevated structure and noise levels on station platforms, and to prepare design criteria.)

The purchase of these cars according to Chairman Michael Cafferty is one of the projects included in the first $80 million of CTA's $121 million two-year capital renewal program being funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Illinois Department of Transportation, and the CTA.

"The interiors of the cars will follow the same color scheme and styling as specified for the 525 buses being ordered by CTA," said Cafferty. "The colors and seat preferences are those that the public selected when our Suggestion Buses toured the city."

The cars will have a dusky walnut woodgrain wall covering throughout with an off-white ceiling. The contoured, padded seats will be beige with alternating cushions of tangerine or golden brown. The floors will be java brown.

An improved air comfort system for all-weather convenience, better lighting, a more dependable public address system, and a new space radio network for communication between the motorman and the Operations Control Center are features to be incorporated in the new cars.

The 100 cars will replace vehicles built between 1922 and 1924, experimental units built in 1947, and some cars built in 1950.

Four prototype cars are to be delivered 15 months after date of contract. All 100 cars are to be delivered in 23 months.

**MICHAEL CAFFERTY**, Transit Board Chairman, is shown describing features of the newly-designed air-conditioned rapid transit cars to newspaper reporters Fletcher Wilson of the Sun-Times, Dennis Byrne of the Daily News, and Tom Buck of the Tribune.

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# Operating employees honored

SPEAKING TO a group of employees who represented the 8,800 members of the Transportation Department, Transit Board Chairman Michael Cafferty extended his congratulations to all operating personnel for setting a new safest year record in 1971.

Mr. Cafferty said, "I am especially grateful that your efforts have produced two consecutive safest years. I wish I could personally give recognition to each and every operating employee, because it was their team effort which resulted in the new safety record.

"I am proud to be a member of the organization which is first in safety in the transit industry," Mr. Cafferty continued. "With improvements to equipment and facilities already under way, working conditions will be greatly improved, enabling us to concentrate even more on providing safe, dependable transportation. Hopefully we will be able to reverse the riding loss which is prevalent throughout our industry and return CTA to a basis where revenues meet expenses," he concluded.

In comparison with 1970, the previous safest year, traffic and passenger accidents were reduced by 13.4 per cent in 1971. Accident rates, which are based on the number of traffic and passenger accidents per 100,000 miles operated, were 7.1 in 1971 and 8.2 in 1970. In numbers of accidents, there were 1,822 fewer than in 1970--traffic accidents were reduced by 1,242 and passenger accidents were reduced by 580.

To mark the attainment of the safest year record in 1971, personnel at all 21 Transportation Department operating stations were treated to free coffee

## O. R. Hamlink, C. J. Ricker

TRANSIT CAREERS of First Assistant General Attorney Oscar R. (Bob) Hamlink and Chief Equipment Engineer Charles W. Ricker were drawn to a close with their retirement April 1.

Mr. Hamlink is pictured at left holding a personalized card signed by friends and co-workers; beside him is Second Assistant General Attorney Frank J. Mullen. Mr. Ricker is pictured at right accepting his retirement portfolio and best wishes from Operating Manager Charles E. Keiser.

Mr. Hamlink's 38-year career in transit started when he joined CSL as a streetcar motorman on

# for 1971 safety achievements

**TRANSIT BOARD** Chairman Michael Cafferty expressed his gratitude to representatives of all operating employees who helped make 1971 CTA's safest year. In the picture on page 4, Mr. Cafferty is addressing (from left) Conductor Santa Siciliano, Ticket Agent Dorothy Parker, Motorman Roosevelt Cory, Bus Operator George Garfield, Janitor Walter Chapman and Instructor Charles Weyer. Shown in the picture on page 5 are (from left) Rapid Transit Traffic Supervisor Donald Murphy, Surface System Station Clerk William Henderson, Mr. Cafferty, Surface System Traffic Supervisor John Spoa, Radio Dispatcher Arthur Calder, Line Supervisor James Luvisi and Rapid Transit Station Clerk John Barry.

and rolls. As a memento of the occasion, each male employee who helped to set the record was presented a special tie clasp. Female ticket agents were presented CTA pens.

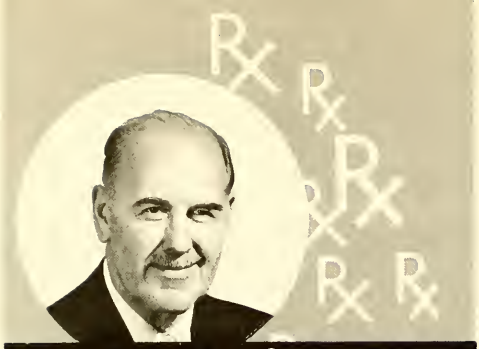
The 12 operating employees pictured above with Mr. Cafferty were the first to receive their safest year memento. They include a bus operator, motorman, conductor, ticket agent, janitor, a surface and a rapid transit traffic supervisor, instructor, radio dispatcher, line supervisor, and a surface and a rapid transit clerk.

Twelve operating stations which set their own safest year record in 1971 contributed much to the CTA system record. Surface stations which beat their previous safest year were Archer, Forest Glen, Kedzie, Keeler, Lawndale, North Avenue, North Park, 69th Street and 77th Street. On the rapid transit system, Dan Ryan, Howard and Kimball also established their new safest year in 1971. A special plaque was presented to the superintendent of each of the above locations on April 31, so that they may return to their station and display it with pride before the operating personnel who earned it.

## join retirement ranks April 1

March 8, 1934. He transferred to the Claim Department as an accident investigator in 1935 and became an attorney in the Law Department in 1952. Mr. Hamlink was named first assistant general attorney in 1965, the position he held until retirement.

Mr. Ricker started with CSL on November 1, 1946, as an assistant instructor in the Staff Engineers Office. In January, 1950, he was named chief specifications engineer in the Engineering Department. Mr. Ricker joined the Equipment Research and Development staff as assistant to the chief equipment engineer in 1965 and became chief equipment engineer in 1969.



# Medically Speaking

## by Dr. George H. Irwin

**PROSTATE DISEASE** is very common in men over 50 years of age, in fact one out of every three men in that age group will experience some difficulty with the prostate. Since this problem is only present in the males, from now on I may omit the sex category in discussing the subject.

The prostate gland consists of a rubbery mass of glandular and muscle tissue. It is about the size and shape of a horse chestnut divided into one middle and two lateral lobes and serves as an accessory part of the sexual apparatus. It is located in front of the urinary bladder at a point where the urethra is attached. The urethra is the canal passage which empties the urine from the bladder. The prostate gland is literally wrapped around the urethra where it joins the bladder.

One of the main functions of the prostate gland is the production of a milky fluid which mixes with the sperm cells. The sex hormone cells from the testicles influence or cause the prostate to produce this milky fluid, which helps the sperm cells to survive. At the time of ejaculation in the sex act, the prostate contracts and forces this fluid with the sperm cells through the urethra and into the female where fertilization takes place.

Another activity of the prostate is the part it plays in the normal starting and stopping of the flow of urine. The kidneys fill the bladder with four or five pints of urine daily which must be expelled periodically. If the prostate is swollen or enlarged from any cause whatsoever it may interfere with the normal emptying of the bladder. When this happens it is actually a malfunction of the prostate.

To simplify the picture one might use the following comparison: The kidneys produce the urine and pass it into the bladder (a reservoir) and the urethra (a canal) passes it out. Mechanically, let us compare the kidneys to a water pump, the bladder to a sink holding the water and the urethra to a pipe draining the sink. Now if the prostate swells up and interferes with the emptying of the bladder it is like the drain pipe blocking up and preventing the sink from draining properly.

The types of prostate gland disease include simple inflammatory or infectious (bacterial) diseases of any part of the urinary tract, called prostatitis. Small stones may also form in the prostate gland as they do in the gall bladder. By far the most common type of prostate trouble is the benign hypertrophy or swelling of the gland, which is probably due to changes of advancing age and hormone imbalances. A less common type is cancer or malignancy of the prostate. Nothing more is known about this form of disease than is known about cancer of any other organ. The severity and the progress of the malignancy in the prostate seems milder and less fatal compared to other organs.

Symptoms of prostate trouble, in general, begin gradually. At first there may be just a feeling of mild pressure or fullness in the bladder region, then the stream of urine lacks force, the flow becomes weak and dribbly, there is difficulty in starting urination and blood-tinged urine may be noted. A strong desire to empty the bladder is experienced but nothing may be accomplished. Often a man's first indication of trouble is having to get up several times each night to urinate. The progression of symptoms may lead to complete shutoff of urination varying in time from several months to several years.

The diagnosis of prostate trouble is made from the above symptoms in addition to a rectal and cystoscopic examination. The physician can usually tell with the gloved finger in the rectum whether the enlarged prostate is benign or malignant. If there is any doubt a biopsy during a cystoscopic examination will give a positive diagnosis.

Treatment of prostate gland disease depends upon the nature or type of the disorder. Medical management, including antibiotics, heat and massage usually takes care of the inflammatory and benign hypertrophy types. Surgery is always necessary for cancer and the severe obstructive types. There are several types of surgical procedures, but details are not necessary here.

In conclusion the following points should be emphasized:

(1) Early treatment in certain cases may avoid complications and surgery.

(2) Don't be ashamed to discuss your prostate trouble with your physician and your family.

(3) Forget the gossip about venereal disease being the sole cause of prostate trouble. It is not true.

(4) Remember that prostatic operations do not necessarily mean sexual failure.

(5) Have annual prostate gland checkups especially after the age of 50. They are inexpensive and take very little time. Should symptoms develop between checkups see your physician again and follow his advice.

## Fire prevention award presented to CTA

CTA WAS the recipient of a Certificate of Merit in the 1971 Fire Prevention Contest sponsored by the Fire Prevention and Clean-Up Campaign Committee of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

Competing in the Industrial division, CTA ranked 27th out of 143 North American organizations participating. The Fire Prevention Contest is an annual competition to recognize excellence in the field of fire safety education and performance. Major emphasis is placed on year-round fire prevention activities and the objective of the contest is to encourage more positive fire safety attitudes among all people.

For its entry, CTA submitted data on all phases of fire prevention measures including fire inspections, fire prevention campaigns, fire safety education, and training programs.

## Appoint seven to new posts

NAMED TO new supervisory positions during April were seven employees in three departments--Transportation, Internal Auditing, and Equipment Research and Development.

Within the Transportation Department, three employees were advanced to posts in rapid transit districts. W. E. Nash became South District superintendent, L. H. Lykins was named South District relief superintendent, and J. Johnson became district supervisor of North & South Districts. The appointments, which became effective April 1, were made by Superintendent of Transportation D. M. Flynn and approved by Operating Manager C. E. Keiser.

Appointed to the position of supervising auditor April 2 was J. J. Lurito. The appointment was made by Internal Auditor J. R. Wexelberg and approved by Manager of Finance P. J. Meinardi.

Taking the post of chief equipment engineer on April 1 was F. J. Cihak, whose appointment was made by Operating Manager C. E. Keiser and approved by General Manager T. B. O'Connor. In two additional appointments within the Equipment Research and Development Department, effective April 2, G. M. Andersen was appointed senior equipment engineer, rapid transit section, and F. W. Venezia was appointed senior equipment engineer, surface section.

## *Set September 10 departure for 1972 CTA group tour*

CTA EMPLOYEES will once again be afforded the opportunity to visit a distant part of the world at a considerable cost-savings by traveling on a CTA group tour.

Being planned for 1972 is a 22-day tour leaving Chicago on September 10 and returning October 1. Starting from Vienna, Austria, the itinerary includes scenic and historic stops in Yugoslavia, Greece and Italy. The return flight is from Rome.

Active and retired CTA employees who are interested in obtaining complete details should write to Miss Jane Mitchell, Chicago Transit Authority, Merchandise Mart - Room 734, P. O. Box 3555, Chicago, Illinois 60654.

## Car repairers attend evening refresher training sessions

RAPID TRANSIT car maintenance employees recently participated in a 19-session refresher training program which was conducted on evenings. Seventeen of the 54 employees who signed up for the program attended more than half of the sessions and received "special recognition" certificates.

PICTURED AT the last session of the program, held March 22, are (from left): First row--M. Palacios, C. Nevels, A. Crawford, A. Curtis and J. Alleyne; second row--J. Plomin, D. Falborski, D. Lasiewicz, F. Porcaro and J. Zaccoli; third row--J. Hoffstad, J. Laurinaitis, G. Klein, R. Watson and A. White. Standing behind the group are (from left) Instructors H. Young, L. Monaghan and D. Nicosia; Superintendent of Terminals A. J. Porcaro; Superintendent of Rapid Transit Shops and Terminals J. Bolech; Senior Foreman of Terminals R. Flowers; Senior Instructor A. Zubar, and Instructor G. Barnes.

# Service anniversaries in April

## 45 years

L. E. Agin,
South Shops

## 35 years

G. M. Benshish, Internal Auditing
D. G. Dulfer, 69th Street
E. E. England, Skokie Shops
J. A. Knerr, 77th Street
F. McCrea, South Shops
J. J. O'Shaughnessy, District A
J. F. Riha, Lawndale
E. F. Traike, Rapid Transit District - South

## 30 years

L. E. Arrasmith, District D
G. Bachelder, Archer
F. J. Brady, South Shops
R. J. Brens, Forest Glen
E. L. Campbell, Beverly
T. B. Canning, Beverly Garage
F. M. Carlin, Archer
W. A. Chrusciel, Beverly
J. R. Czajka, Archer
J. B. Curran, Beverly
R. C. Davidson, South Shops
A. J. Dielle, 77th Street
J. E. Doherty, North Section
R. J. Drope, 77th Street Garage
H. W. Feltz, Utility & Emergency Service
A. D. Fernback, North Park
E. T. Frederick, Archer Garage
C. H. Glover, North Park
R. S. Gray, District A
H. A. Hanson, Archer
J. S. Hebda, Forest Glen
C. J. Heilbronner, Instruction - Beverly
E. S. Koscienski, North Avenue
G. W. Lemar Jr., Forest Glen
S. R. Lukaszewski, Plant Equipment Maintenance
W. J. McCarthy, 77th Street
L. A. McDermott, North Park
K. A. Miller, North Avenue
E. G. Parson, North Avenue
S. G. Paulov, Archer Garage
W. C. Rohl, District A
F. C. Schmitz, Archer
P. C. Schumacher, Forest Glen
B. J. Shimashus, Beverly
D. Siegel, West Section
A. A. Sim, Rapid Transit District - South
D. Simpson, District C
J. Tedeschi, North Avenue
J. Wallon, Substation Engineering Division
L. W. Weissgerber, Building Maintenance Division
W. A. Weissgerber, North Section
W. P. Wentzel, District D
S. F. Wodarczyk, 69th Street
W. W. Worcester, Schedule & Traffic
B. F. Zentmyer, Keeler

## 25 years

B. J. Bilek, South Shops
J. Billis, Schedule & Traffic
J. R. Breytspraak, Building Maintenance Division
F. Bynum Jr., 52nd Street
F. P. Dechon, South Shops
C. F. Dreasler, Skokie Shops
S. J. Drinka, Forest Glen
U. Jones, 77th Street
C. J. Kaczorowski, Lawndale
M. A. Klumpp, South Section
M. R. Kuchan Jr., South Shops
R. G. Lafferty, Forest Glen Garage
T. Lobano, North Section
W. D. Marsh, Archer
C. B. Marshall, 77th Street
R. L. McCoy, South Shops
R. Mijanovic, North Park
R. Mueller, Skokie Shops
W. A. Mulwee, Track
J. J. Murphy, 77th Street
M. J. O'Donnell, Instruction - 69th Street
J. Peresin, Building & Construction
E. L. Pluska, North Avenue Garage
E. C. Sajatovic, South Shops
C. D. Salvatore, Electrical Distribution Division
M. R. Schramm, South Shops
M. Shea, Campaign Area - Surface Garages
A. J. Thomas, Beverly Garage
J. J. Ulanski, Electrical Distribution Division
W. R. Vandervest, South Shops
J. J. Viola, Schedule & Traffic
H. L. Ward, South Shops
P. J. Weber, Forest Glen Garage
J. P. Wise, Limits
G. S. Witt, North Park Garage
V. A. Zalatoris, Archer
R. Zazzara, Special Investigations

# THE INSIDE NEWS

## AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**ACCOUNTING (General) -**

BEA FRANKE recently returned from vacation sporting a beautiful tan acquired while fishing with her husband in Brownsville, Texas, near the Mexican border. She was lucky enough to catch a 28-pound drum fish, but said it was such hard work that she gave up fishing and just relaxed for the rest of the trip...Another vacationer was MIKE CIKARA who spent 16 days in England. The trip began with a wonderful seven-hour flight on a 747 Jumbo jet. Upon arriving at London airport, Mike was greeted by relatives who drove him 200 miles north to their home in Huddersfield, England. After staying with them for awhile, he returned to London and saw such sights as Picadilly Circus, Hyde Park, Trafalgar Square, Buckingham Palace and Westminster Abbey. He also spent some time seeing the city from the top of a double deck bus, and touring the beautiful countryside. The return flight was delayed but still enjoyable, especially seeing Chicago from the air at night...It's good to see LORRAINE BUEHLER back on the job after a short stay in the hospital...Get-well wishes go to LORRAINE FALK. Hope you'll be back with us soon...Congratulations to CHU GOSRISIRIKUL who advanced to the position of accountant II, and to JIM HAASE, accountant I, who came to us from the Transportation Department. Glad to have you aboard, Jim. Best wishes go with ART PINELLI in his new position as information clerk in the Transportation Department.

**(Property) -**

Little KEVIN DUANE BURDA, who was born on March 19 weighing in at 9 pounds 1 ounce, was greeted by his parents, DUANE and FRAN BURDA, his sister, ANN MARIE, and grandparents, HAROLD and MILDRED BURDA. Duane formerly worked with the Accounting Department, while Harold is presently with Property Accounting. Congratulations to all!

*- Judy Cuci*

**(Payroll) -**

MARY JANE HOSTETTER was the "mother of the groom" on March 11 when her son, ROBERT HOSTETTER, was married to LYNN McCARREN of Park Forest. The couple spent their honeymoon in Las Vegas before settling down in Los Angeles, California, where Robert is a resident...VALERIA BOWMAN took some time out to go visiting, shopping, lunching with friends, and just buzzing around having fun and doing everything but work. However, she did spend some time with our shut-in, DORIS YOST, who is coming along nicely but slowly...Poor CLOTILDE FRANKIEWICZ will never argue with a meat grinder again. While trying to dismantle one, her right thumb was caught and badly cut. She swears that she will never use it again. With a handicap like that, she can't even tie her own shoe laces. Fortunately, her hubby, JAMES, is very understanding...Your scribe enjoyed another fun-in-the-sun vacation in Scottsdale, Arizona, visiting with friends, and returning to the many interesting places which Arizona has to offer.

*- Clara Lawrence*

**CLAIM & LAW -**

Congratulations to the members of our staff who have recently contributed to the population explosion: Mr. and Mrs. CARMEN PACELLA on the birth of their third child, TARA MERCEDES; SHARI SMITH and her husband, RAY, on the birth of their first, KIMBERLY ANNE; Mr. and Mrs. HARRY BONESS on the birth of their 11th grandchild, THOMAS DAVID JENKINS, and special congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. BILL UHL on the birth of twin girls, THERESA and MELISSA...We would like to wish NORA CRONIN and ED COMAN many happy retirement years. Nora retired after 30 years of service, and Ed retired after 25 years of service...Two of our men have decided to give up the good outdoors and join the inside office staff: RAY TIERI will be replacing ALDEN LAWSON, who is now special legal investigator, as inside adjuster, and JIM HICKEY is doing fine on his new job as accident clerk... Congratulations to DAN PERK on his promotion to special investigator...KAREN MUNYER is very satisfied on her new job as blind case clerk...Good luck to MARIE CRAWLEY who transferred to the Insurance Department as a stenographer...We extend a warm welcome to three new members of our staff: COLLEEN ZAMBOLE, MARY ANN HALL and TONY GRANATA...MARGE SCHINTZ was the recipient of a Jewel/Osco gift certificate in addition to a $25 suggestion award for submitting two acceptable suggestions in a year...The D.A.I. Employees Federal Credit Union recently held their annual dinner-dance and meeting for election of officers. The following officers were elected: RON BARTKOWITZ, president; CLAUDE WORLAND, vice-president; BARBARA BAGNUOLO, secretary; DAN PERK, treasurer, and MARY BERRY, assistant treasurer. The meeting was followed by a satisfying dinner and dancing to the inviting sounds of a 14-piece band which included our own Claude Worland.

*- Rosemarie Ritrovato & Terri Kramer*

**CTA SECURITY -**

Our condolences are extended to Sergeant PETE GENUTIS in the death of his mother, ANNA. A number of CTA officers paid their respects at the wake...AMVETS Police Post 18 held its St. Patrick's dance at the Pick-Congress hotel on March 11. The affair was BYO (bring your own) except for the entertainment. A fine show was hosted by Johnny Matson, recently with the Bob Crosby group. Marsha, a comedienne, cracked jokes that were quite humorous. Song and dance and unicycle numbers were performed by the Versatiles. Taking in all the good times and having a good time themselves at the CTA Security table were JOHN PARKS, Sergeant PETE and MELVINA GENUTIS, Lou Licastra (who's taking pre-law at Lewis college) and NANCY SUTA, a secretary in the CTA Law Department, Don Sherner from the Kropp Forge company with Connie Faggiana, and your scribe. On the great day itself, March 17, CTA men about 100 strong looked fine coming down State Street. The CTA's miniature bus was a big attraction. At the reviewing stand the announcer remarked, "Have exact fare." Along the way many friendly teens called out to have bus cards ready. From Evanston Bus

there was Otto Williams marching along. Flag bearers were BOB RENO and BERNARD JONES of 77th with the U.S. flag, DAVID WILKIN and ANDREW JOHNSON of 77th with the Division 241 banner, ED BARRY of Kedzie with the colors of Eire, ROBERT THOMAS of 77th with the Chicago banner, and the right guard was DONNIE HENDRICKS of 77th. A tremendous crowd enjoyed fine weather and the antics of politicians with birds under their hats. The TV broadcast of the parade was delayed and the marchers who went straight home were able to see themselves. CTA Security should have more participation in this happy event. So, officers, keep it in mind for next year. Festivities for the St. Pat's weekend continued with the 32nd annual dinner-dance of the Shamrock-American club, held at St. Demetrios hall on Winona Street. Many CTA people, including your scribe, were there. The CTA was there in the persons of Howard Street Station Superintendent MICHAEL LA VELLE and his wife, JEAN, Howard Street Supervisor TIM McDONAGH and his wife, MARY ANN, Linden Shopman FRANK RAKSTIS and his wife, BRIDEY. From Wilson Shops were Shopman JOHN HENNELLY and his wife, MAUREEN, Shopman JOHN COLLINS and his wife, MAUREEN, Retired Shopman MIKE O'MALLEY and his wife, MARGARET, and Blacksmith JEFF KEATING with his wife, KITTY. Irish folks from the Electrical Department were LUKE and PAT HOWE, MIKE and ANNE O'TOOLE, and JIM and BEA KELLY. From North Park were Night Foreman JOHN HENNELLY and his wife, ANN, and Day Foreman PAT O'CONNOR and his wife, PAT. The Forest Glen crowd included Day Foreman JOHN JOYCE with his wife, WINIFRED, Assistant Day Foreman JIM BYRNES with his wife, Mechanic JACK CALLAGHAN and Operator PAT JUDGE. Keeler Sanitary Engineer ED McDONELL was having a good time, as were Retired Operator A. GRANAHAN and Retired Shop Foremen DAN O'BOYLE and DAN CLARK. Judge John Moran was among the more than 1,000 celebrators and had many compliments for CTA Security work. A traditional St. Pat's menu was served. Everyone enjoyed being entertained by the Shannon Rovers bagpipe band and youngsters from the McNamara School of Dancing doing Irish steps. There were surprise appearances by States Attorney candidates Edward Hanrahan and Ray Berg. Both sang Irish patriotic songs. The JIM KELLY family and HUGH F. HEGARTY of Division 308 each had prominent ads in the Shamrock program book... Lieutenant ROBERT McELROY and JOHN HIGENS of the Archer unit, and JIM LELIOSH on a foot post at Archer Depot coordinated their efforts to nab seven youths and recover 11 fire extinguishers. Lieutenant McElroy and Higens were driving up to the depot when they saw a youth walking away with something red wrapped in his coat. This youth got into an auto with the other six offenders. Leliosh met Lieutenant McElroy and Higens, and all three officers cornered the auto as it was driven around the depot...Lieutenant BILL BUTLER and WHITEY LAATSCH were at Limits Depot when a Clark Street bus driver called them over about some men bothering passengers. These officers found two well-known pickpockets busy jostling passengers and arrested them...Royalty always shows up a little late for big occasions. JEANETTE MARIE MAZURKIEWICZ, a princess of Poland, is now in this world after keeping her parents, CHESTER and JOSEPHINE, waiting a few days... What's new for LEON and ANALE RUTH is a four-flat building they bought in Alsip...ROBERT HAWKINS was swapping war stories with JOHN HIGENS, only to find his tales about Marine boot camp were about the same as John's. In fact, their stories were identical. A few pertinent questions were exchanged and both ex-Marines were surprised to find they were in the same company at the same time at San Diego 19 years ago. And their serial numbers were one digit apart. Bob resurrected his boot camp album, and guess who was standing next to whom in the group photo from boot camp?..In a good but unsuccessful showing, GORDON PURTELL polled 722 votes in a three-way race for one on the union election commissioner slots...Happy June birthdays to MARTINIAK on the 2nd, DAVIS on the 7th, EVANS on the 15th, McELROY on the 20th, LONERGAN on the 27th, and GARNER on the 30th... Now that you're getting out of the winter doldrums, let your scribe hear about those fun times that are sure to be happening this summer.

JOHN POPE, Treasury Department, spent two relaxing weeks at Miami Beach, Florida. After this picture was taken, John tried the pool and almost drowned--cigar and all.

*- Timothy O'Mahony*

**ELECTRICAL (Blue Island) -**

A nice send-off was given for BRUNO CZANSTKOWSKI and TED WYNCOTT, who have started their pensions. Each was presented with a nice gift. The party was one of the first of its kind. It was a combination of retirement and recognition of the graduation of two fine engineers, MIKE KELLY and BUD MOORE, who were also presented gifts. To the dinner committee--BOB TAUSCH, DICK VALONEY, CHESTER MATUSZEWSKI and PAUL SAUVE--a job well done...MARY and TONY ARDUINI celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary by attending mass at Our Lady of Hope church in Rosemont, Illinois, on April 22...Here are the names of those off sick whom you could visit or send cards to: ELMER TEGTOW, ROMAN PRIESBE and MEL COOK... Who was the lineman who gave his upper plate a mud-bath and took it to the car wash to give it a cleaning? His nickname is Champ...JOE SALAMONE has picked up the nickname "the Godfather."..Received a nice letter from GILTON QUICK stating that he has been visiting and working with disabled veterans in the Veteran's hospital in Oteen, North Carolina. Anyone wishing to correspond with him can reach him at RR# 1, Box 389A, Black Mountain, North Carolina 28711.

*- William Rehder*

**(Chicago Avenue) -**

The locker is more crowded now because we finally have a full crew. Welcome back to CHARLIE SALVATORE, DINO FUGGITTI and JIM ROEBER...March 11 was an eventful day for a couple of our fellows. LUKE HOWE reports that this was the day his granddaughter was born at Swedish Covenant hospital. She weighed in at 8 pounds 5

ounces. Luke reports that mother, father and baby are doing fine, but it seems to me that with a name like COLEEN ANNE, she could have waited six days and done it up right...March 11 was also a busy day for JOHN and EMMA CAMPBELL. This was their daughter's wedding day. SANDRA CAMPBELL joined DON KREIGER in married bliss in South Holland. John says the honeymoon will be in the nicer time of the year...TED and MARGE NADROWSKI spent a bowling weekend in Muskegon, Michigan. While Ted bowled, Marge sat in the bleachers waving and urging Ted on to bigger and better scores. Right, Marge?..New arrivals: TOM FORTUNE is now with us from West Shops. BILL MILLAR came a couple of days later, transferring from the Shops & Equipment Department...Some of our pensioners have contacted me by phone or have dropped in. I was wondering if anyone has heard from ED MOLINE out there in Indiana. I understand that TOM HENRY was in some time ago but I wasn't here to see him...Two of our fellows had an unusual occurrence at the Bureau of Statistics concerning their birth certificates. It might be well for you older fellows to check your certificates on record. They might not be the same as the notice of birth registration...I just discovered an all-around athlete in our family midst. RICHARD MAROSE, the son of BILL MAROSE, is going to attend Leo High school on a basketball scholarship this coming fall. This active young fellow is only 14 years old and has received a total of 19 first-place trophies for baseball, football and basketball while playing on teams in his community. Perhaps he gets his interest in sports from his father who has been associated with the Bermele Little League for the last 15 years as manager and president.

*- Ben Nielsen*

**(Rapid Transit Signal Division) -**

We were all saddened by the loss of ALBERT TROCKER, who passed away March 18 following an abdominal operation. His death climaxed 30 years of service with CTA, over 18 of them in the signal department. Al was the type of fellow who appeared on the surface to be tough, but just about everyone knew he was all heart underneath. Mrs. TROCKER sent a note to thank Al's co-workers for the floral piece, cards and masses. She has our deepest sympathy in her loss...A party will be given for D. H. WORCESTER, general signal supervisor, on Friday evening, June 2, in honor of his retirement. Anyone desiring to attend should contact ELMER J. STOKES as soon as possible. He can be called at the relay room, 1036 West Montrose Avenue on North 464. All signal department personnel are invited to attend...PAT J. DOYLE is back to work. Pat, who has been off because of an eye operation, showed up with green on his mind for one or more reasons. His release for work came just in time to assure him of a bright St. Patrick's day. Welcome back, Pat...Hey, guys! I know you'll do a double-take on this one. CLYDE and DERNITE YOUNT proudly announce the arrival of their first grandchild. Of course it's a boy. Little CHRISTOFER JOHN, weighing 6 pounds 10 ounces, was born March 29. The proud parents are JOHN and MARILYNN SEEBOCK. Congratulations, Clyde, take a bow.

*- Tommie Lowery*

**ENGINEERING -**

JACK O'REILLY, who recently retired, called to let all his friends know that his new home has been completed and that he was off for Florida, where he expected to spend the majority of his time lounging in the sun. Jack requested that we print a special "thank you" from him and his family for the fine going-away party he received...Our condolences to the BUSCH family in the death of Pensioner HAROLD W. BUSCH. Mr. Busch was superintendent of buildings before his retirement, and returned as a consultant. Mr. Busch retired after 50 years of service...We would like to welcome back GEORGE SULLIVAN who has been off because of illness.

*- Darlene Jansen & Jennie Scott*

**FOREST GLEN -**

Hi men! Looks like we are finally getting warmer weather. Vacations will be starting, so let's get some news about your trips and back yard cookouts. Please use the box next to the clerk's window for any news items to be printed...Several months ago we lost one of our outstanding box pullers. HAROLD DESIROS finally decided to retire and live off his wife's income. Harold, we all will miss your pleasant smile each morning and, of course, those corny jokes. You will never be forgotten...Board Member ANDY KOHLER retired on April 1. Here's another member of the family who will be missed. All of us here wish you the very best, Andy. Do take care and drop in often. You were an asset to our company and to the union. It will be hard for anyone to step into your shoes. God bless you for your service to all...Operator CHARLES GERHOS has 26 years of service and he's quite proud--no misses in all that time. Of course if it wasn't for the Mrs., he'd never have made it. So let's give credit where credit is due. Right, Charles?..PETE KLOSS finally retired. Too much pressure on the street for him. It seems some of the boys held a party and ended up with quite a headache. Of course Pete wasn't with them. Pete, they must have been your followers. Anyway, Kloss is going out west to relax and unwind for a spell...Operator AL DREWKE's son, AL Jr., will be entering West Point in July. Like father, like son; only Al is going to improve on his dad's image. Good luck, young man...Badge No. 9986, who happens to be UTLEY,

A SURPRISE reunion of present and former CTA employes took place at the home of retired Forest Glen Superintendent EARL PETERSON in Phoenix, Arizona. Pictured here, left to right, are: Pensioner AL PARADIES, formerly of North Avenue; TED HOELLEN, Forest Glen; Pensioner JOE GASKEY, former receiver at Forest Glen; Pensioner R. M. VENN, formerly of Limits; Pensioner JOHN A. JACOBY, former District "D" superintendent; Mr. Peterson; R. F. SIELOFF, Forest Glen, and Pensioner JOE SCHULTZ, formerly of Forest Glen.

# NEW PENSIONERS

JOINING THE ranks of the retired April 1 after completing 40 or more years of transit service each are, left to right, BRUNO B. CZANSTKOWSKI, EMORY K. NASH and ELMER A. MALMIN.

OSCAR V. ANDERSON, Janitor,
North Park, Emp. 10-5-36
REGINALD BARRON, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 12-16-54
DANIEL T. BOAL, Chauffeur,
Utility, Emp. 12-20-40
JOHN A. BOKER, Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 8-31-37
BRUNO B. CZANSTKOWSKI, Foreman,
Electrical, Emp. 11-9-31
OSCAR R. HAMLINK, General Attorney,
Law, Emp. 3-8-34
GARNETT HAWKINS, Janitor,
West Section, Emp. 10-16-52
JACOB C. JACOBSEN, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 11-17-36
ARTHUR F. KENNEDY, Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 3-15-34
PETER C. KLOSS, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 5-20-41
ANDREW G. KOHLER, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 11-29-40
JOHN D. LARKIN, Specifications Engineer,
Purch., Spec. & Stores, Emp. 11-23-48
PATRICK J. LENIHAN, Traffic Checker,
Schedule & Traffic, Emp. 11-9-45
ELMER A. MALMIN, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 10-31-27
PATRICK J. MORAN, Motorman,
South Section, Emp. 3-7-42
EMORY K. NASH, Photo Technician,
Reproduction Services, Emp. 7-12-29
CHARLES J. NOREK, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 1-25-51
FRANK H. ORMINS, Bus Serviceman,
77th Street, Emp. 3-20-36
HENRY M. PETER, Mechanic,
South Shops, Emp. 11-18-46
CHARLES W. RICKER Jr., Chief Equip. Engr.,
Equipment Res. & Dvlpt., Emp. 11-1-46
EARL J. RUTH, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 9-4-41
LOUIS SCHWARTZ, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 5-19-43
EDWARD G. STREY, District Superintendent,
South District, Emp. 4-11-42
JOSEPH SULLIVAN, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 11-7-44
OTIS O. THOMAS, Janitor,
West Section, Emp. 12-10-43
WALLACE C. WEBER, Telephone Oper.,
77th Street, Emp. 2-20-36
FRANK H. WEISHAAR, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 8-14-41

## DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

JOHN A. GARRETT, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 5-28-53
LOUIS C. TROKEN, Collector,
North Park, Emp. 1-11-49
GIACCHINO TURCO, Bus Repairer,
Archer, Emp. 7-7-42

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would like everyone to notice that he has put on weight since giving up smoking...Operator JOHN KURINEC (of our credit union) was spotted in church one Sunday wearing one of our old CTA black neckties. Well, John, it so happens you have a very-hard-to-come-by item, and we know you can post a notice on the board and the tie will be purchased very quickly. It's a collector's item now...Seems like Operator RUDY NEURAUTER recently went off his diet when he and the Mrs. were in Mexico. He says you only live once, so why not live it up...Operator BARRON recently lost his father and a few hours later his mother passed away. Our hearts go out to you. You have had your share of sorrow. But there are brighter days ahead...Operator SAM ISON is still in the hospital, and all of us here are hoping to see him return soon...Happy birthday to the following: MEAGHER, DURFEE, UTLEY, GARCIA, RYAN, STOBART, KOHLER, MALICKI, BOUDREAU, HENDERSON, ROQUE, ZIJEWSKI, O'BRIEN, MALFESE, LEIVA, WASHINGTON, ENGLISH, and GARRITY...Superintendent DeWITT says you men are all doing a fine job. So let's keep it up and try to improve.

- *W. A. Henry* (Don't call me Wilbur)

**GENERAL OFFICE (Office Services) -**

Wishes for a speedy recovery are being sent to LaVERNE SCHULTZ, clerk, who is recuperating from surgery. Hope to see her back at work soon. Also as of this writing, get-well cards would be appreciated by WALTER YEDINAK, mail clerk who is confined to Little Company of Mary hospital. Hurry back, Wally...JOHN McMAHON, mail

clerk, became a grandfather for the third time when his son, JOHN McMAHON, a former CTA employee, became the father of a bouncing baby boy, MARK JAMES...If you see MEL SCHEINER, mail clerk, walking in the corridor delivering mail with his head held high, it is because he is proud of his son, EDWARD, who was made a lieutenant junior grade in the Navy. He is now aboard ship in the Vietnam area...Sympathy is being extended to the family of CHARLES OLCIKAS, receptionist and former traffic supervisor, who passed away on April 2.

**(Training & Accident Prevention) -**

A speedy recovery is wished KATHY FABRY, clerk-stenographer, who underwent surgery at Lutheran General hospital...LEONARD LOHN, training clerk I, is spending his vacation relocating from one apartment to another and has his hands full. I'll bet you'll appreciate returning to work to rest up...PAT DUNEK, stenographer II, spent her vacation in Las Vegas taking in the night spots and trying to spend some of that hard-earned money...Birthday greetings to JOE O'SULLIVAN, training assistant, who became sweet 16 (so he states) on April 3.

**(Medical) -**

RITA WANTROBA, X-ray technician, and her husband, DONALD, had a split-level home built in Lancer Park, Schaumburg. They are looking forward to enjoying the fresh air and cool waters. Rita was also surprised at Easter when her husband presented her with a kelly green Schwinn racing bike, which is probably a hint for her to travel back and forth to work, what with the price of transportation these days.

**(Research & Planning) -**

F. J. MISEK, supervisor of R/P, was selected as a participant in the Spring 1972 session of the Professional Program in Urban Transportation sponsored by Carnegie-Mellon university, Pittsburgh. Frank left April 9 for the first part of the program, which consists of a four-week classroom course conducted on campus. The course is divided into three major areas of urban transit: management, planning and technologies. From the schedule Frank received, it looks as though he'll be hopping from classroom to classroom attending numerous lectures, and the rest of the time deciphering and applying everything he learns from the courses. The second part of the program is composed of a two-week lecture/study tour which will start in Pittsburgh with an itinerary of various cities such as Montreal, Paris, Hamburg and London, where the participants can acquire first-hand knowledge of varying applications of urban transit ideas and techniques now in practice. Upon completion of the course Frank and his wife, STASE, hope to take two weeks of his vacation and stay in Europe awhile. We hope you enjoy yourselves!.. J. P. O'CONNOR, supervisor of graphics/statistics, spent his one-week April vacation in Porchville, Westchester. When he left we all wished him a nice time and, if weather permits, we think he'll get the old golf clubs out of hibernation...Bicycle season is upon us and many of us in R/P are prepared for it. MARY ELLEN RUSS bought a yellow Schwinn varsity racer and a yellow hot pants outfit to match. We reminded her that she's engaged now and can't ride along the lake front unless JIM, her fiance, is along; but somehow we don't think we have gotten through to her. WALLY PASZYNA bought his wife, MARY, a flashy red model with a seat on the back for their daughter, LUCY, to hang on to, and a gold color bike for his older daughter, JACKIE. BILL GOODWIN got a good deal on a bike for his wife, DIANE, also with a little seat on the back for their youngest daughter, DENISE. Unfortunately, MARY BOSKI still plans another season of cycling on the antique her grandmother willed her in 1929. Sounds like everyone is going to have a fun time—Happy Riding!..LIL SCHAGEMAN's basketball team lost in the finals of the Loyola Park tournament. Lil is the daughter of BOB SCHAGEMAN of R/P. Lil patterned her play after Jerry Sloane of the Bulls, but she fouled out in the first half. Lil says the refs were calling them too close; she also has to have a talk with Jerry Sloane about this...Last but not least, we hope CHARLEY DROZDA bowls better than he finds his way home. Charley and his buddy bowled a great game together the other night and celebrated with a few beers afterward. They chatted together as they waited at the train station, Charley heading south and his bowling mate going north. Their trains arrived at the same time, both said their goodbyes to each other as they boarded the trains, still cheering over their victorious night. Charley enjoyed his ride but didn't notice he was going in the wrong direction until he arrived at Logan Square. (He was figuring out his score and wasn't paying any attention.) Oh well, Charley, better luck next time!

*- Regina Daren & Eileen Neurauter*

THE LOVELY wee losses pictured here are RHONDA KAY and YULONDA FAY MORGAN, the four month old twin daughters of Operator MELVIN MORGAN, Lawndale Station.

**KEDZIE -**

Spring is here--the time of year when we have to be more alert in our driving habits. Children will be running from between parked cars, and riding bikes in the street. Spring also means cleaning and at Kedzie they've done that, too. Our trainroom and office have been painted, and they sure look good...Congratulations to Operator GUY DiMEO and his lovely wife, DORA. They became grandparents for the first time when their daughter-in-law, JANET, had a baby boy March 12 in St. Ann's hospital. FRED, the proud father, is on a cloud!..Operator LARRY TURNER became a proud father of a baby boy, and Operator JOHN HERRON became a proud father of a baby girl. Congratulations, all! ..Operator JACK HAYES became a grandpa. His daughter and son-in-law, KATHLEEN and AL PEBBLES, became parents of a baby girl named CHERYLE LYNN, born at St. Alexis hospital in Seven Hills, Ohio, on February 22...Congratulations to Operator SCANLON who took his pension April 1. Enjoy your pension, and we wish you health and happiness...The Division 241 golf tournament will be held on July 17. Keep this date open; come out and golf and have dinner. If you can't play golf, try and make the dinner. For more information see Board Members WILLIAM LARSEN or WILLIAM REYNOLDS...Still on the sick list is Op-

erator FOLEY. Hope you're back on the job soon...Returning to work after being off sick is Operator R. COLLINS. Welcome back!..Don't forget your credit union. Save a little each payday so you can help a brother in need!

*- Raymond Graham*

**KEELER -**

Hi folks. Aren't we lucky to have such fantastic weather in Chicago? Doesn't it make one's heart just throb for joy to see the little flower buds peeking up through the lovely snow?..This bit of news is no snow job. Superintendent R. W. CHRISTIAN is really proud of Keeler's safety award. This was our best year ever, and the coffee and rolls will be unlimited. It's only fitting and proper to give Superintendent Christian such a lift because retirement time is almost upon him. What a nice gift for him. Let's finish out his remaining time with nothing but zero days...If you should wonder why this column is sort of haphazard this month, it's because I returned to work after two weeks of jury duty and found that the deadline had passed. It was really a worthwhile experience to get a close-up of how the wheels of justice grind away. Most of the cases dated back as far as 1966, and I was bounced from most of them as I am a public vehicle operator and most cases involved accidents. All of you know that shouldn't be an excuse to disqualify me, as I happen to be slightly familiar with most types of accidents, personally..."The man who can govern a woman can govern a nation." On April 27 it will be 34 years of marital bliss for my chief of staff and me, and I can't even fool my grandchildren as to who is boss...Operator JOHN JARECKI seems to think that by growing a full mustache he can establish his dominance. John best recall the story of Samson and Delilah, and now with electric scissors and clippers--you can't win, John...Box Puller WHITEY SZYMELL purchased some property in Mesa, Arizona, and plans to spend some of his vacation surveying his holdings. The fellows are wondering if Whitey could have bought a pig in a poke?..We bid a fond adieu to all the fellows who left Keeler on the system pick, and extend a warm welcome to the newcomers. Let's hope everyone will be completely happy with their choice...Happiness personified describes, I'm sure, the following couples: Operator JIM and GLORIA WHITE, Serviceman LULLING and CAROLYN SAVAGE, and Operator D. ROBBINS and his wife, MAE. These three couples are all awaiting the arrival of "Mr. Stork." Boy, how can I smoke all those cigars...Operator G. DeROSE and his wife, ROSE, celebrated 24 years of wedded bliss on April 10. Their daughter, GEORGETTE, celebrated her 19th birthday on April 10... Mechanic M. PATTERSON had another yearly checkup--that is birthday-wise, April 15...Day Foreman R. VANCE is vacationing in Florida. Rumor has it that Vance has been provided with eye blinders to keep them from roving. ..Another slightly confused fellow is Operator GREZLIK who, after many, many years of navigating on Addison street, is now floundering on Diversey...Station Instructor CHARLEY WEYER, yet on the sick list, sent a nice card to all the Keelerites. Word is out that Charley saved his recently removed gallstones and is in the process of drying them out so he can make a most unique necklace. He will sell it to the highest bidder...Others who are sick and missed are Operators KARRAS, LEE and WALKER. We are glad to have TED PYZNA back in the saddle again after a lengthy illness...Maybe I'm a bit confused and puzzled, but SY GOLDMAN informed me that his daughter, ROSETTE STRUBEL, and her family visited him from Southfield, Michigan. It was an Easter holiday visit. Is there such a thing as a "Kosher Catholic?"..The birthday boys for April are: Operators JOE VALTIERRA, FILIPEK, PANCIC, KUGELBERG, BREWER, CUBIE and WISCHLER. Many happy returns, fellows...It was good to know that we kept all of our clerks. However, greetings are extended to our two new relief clerks, MOSLEY and MIJANOVICH...See you next month.

*- Ernest C. Carter*

**LAWNDALE -**

Now that the nice weather is upon us again, the Lawndale softball team is preparing itself for the upcoming season. This year's coach, JAMES T. BURRIS, is very optimistic about the team's chances for capturing the championship. It's a much-improved team over last year, says Coach Burris, and this team seems more confident than ever before. Coach Burris says to watch the bulletin board for practice workout sessions which will begin very soon...Vacation time is nearing for all, and we'd like to stress a little safety in all of your summer-time endeavors. Remember that the streets will be filled with children soon, and we all want to avoid any type of confrontation with them. I'm wishing everyone a safe vacation this year, and have lots of fun...Anyone interested in joining Lawndale's bicycle club can contact Operator M. H. COLQUITT at the Depot. Everyone is invited to join...I'd like to wish a speedy recovery to J. W. STAHULAK, TONY KASMAN, LEMUEL COOK, ROBERT SMITH and DAVID COPELAND...We offer our deepest sympathy to the family of Operator LONNIE JOHNSON in the recent passing of his brother. We also express our condolences to Operators JOE and EDDIE RIHA in the recent passing of their mother...It's been rumored that Lawndale's own professional golfers are challenging all comers to a match. Those known pros are JOHN PATER, EARL WASHINGTON, ROBERT ROSS, LESTER MORTON and JOHNNY CALVIN...On April 1, Operator JOHN BOKER retired after more than 30 years of service. Good luck on your retirement, John. Operator LOUIS (Bubbles) SCHWARTZ of North Park Station also retired on April 1 after many years of devoted service. Many operators around Lawndale knew Louis only as Bubbles, and Louis recalls those individuals who have contributed to his early retirement: they are CASIMIR WISNIEWSKI, LEON MINOR, JOE LUSCALZO, TILLMON SHAW and WILLIAM LEMAR. Good luck in your retire-

THIS CHUBBY little beauty is ANDREA MARIE FINCH, the five-month old granddaughter of NELLO PARRILLO, Congress Maintenance Terminal.

ment, Lou...The annual membership meeting of the Lawndale Federal Credit Union was held on March 25 at the Lorraine ballroom. Everyone really enjoyed themselves while renewing old acquaintances. It was indeed a beautiful afternoon...Clerk BILL RUDDLE and his family are presently in Nebraska visiting their son who is stationed there with the U.S. Air Force. When Bill returns he'll be going to 52nd Street Station for a new assignment. Good luck, Bill...Senior operators celebrating anniversaries this month are: CLEM KACZOROWSKI, 25 years, A. H. JACKSON, 21 years, LEON MINOR, 19 years, and W. L. STEVENS, 15 years...Operator EDDIE BAINES is mad at himself for overlooking a choice run. I wonder who did get that run?..Those birthday-ing this month are: C. CHAMBERS, F. CROSBY, J. ALLEN, R. WRIGHT, J. AUGUSTA, E. DILLINGHAM, R. SAMPSON, C. DIXON, W. HARRINGTON, J. JOHNSON, C. SMITH, A. MARTIN, R. WALTON, P. IVORY, B. BROWN, W. WHERRY, R. AUSTIN, L. McCLELLAN, S. HARDY, F. FARRELLY, R. FENRICK, J. McGHEE, E. JONES, E. WASHINGTON, G. MATHEWS, H. LUKA and F. DVORAK...Well, fellows, that's all for this month. Remember, always drive with safety in mind.

*- James Marshall*

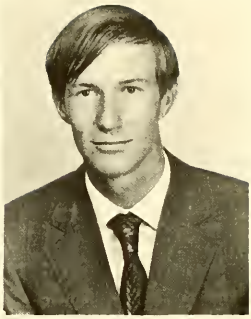
**LIMITS -**

We welcome all the men who came to Limits Station in the last seniority pick. May your stay with us be a long and pleasant one...JOHN WEBER and DUKE ELLINGTON are very happy to be back here again after an absence of four years...ELMER MALMIN, No. 1 man on the pick list, retired April 1 after 44 years of service. May you have a long and healthful pensioned life. PAT CRONIN is now No. 1 at Limits and is enjoying the fruits of his labor after many years...Congratulations to Operator EDWARD SOUVIGNY and his wife, ROSEMARY, on 25 years of married bliss. A party was held in their honor at the Indian Hill Social club in Round Lake, Illinois. Sixty guests were present to help them celebrate...Board Member EDWARD DAPPEN became a grandfather for the third time when his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. GORSKI, presented the family with a baby boy, BRIAN ANTHONY. Grandpa is mighty proud of him. Congratulations to the proud parents and grandparents...BOB PENDLETON is back as an operator again after being a box puller for a long time. Too bad you did not have enough seniority Bob, but patience will bring your reward...JAMIE MORALES, our p.m. foreman of the repair department, is doing a good job of keeping the buses in tip-top shape. This also goes for all the fine repair and maintenance men we have at Limits...Operator RONALD BROWN is busy in his off time showing homemade movies in various churches throughout Chicago. From the reports we have heard, they are of excellent quality...Our sincerest sympathy to the family of EDWARD STOIKE, who passed away suddenly last month. Also to Operator O. E. McDANIELS in the death of his mother.

*- R. S. Benson*

**LOOP -**

Belated greetings and best wishes to the following people who had birthdays since our last issue of Transit News, and may this year and all those to follow bring good health, peace and joy to you, one and all: Agents TERESA BARRETT, March 11; DOROTHY PARKER, March 14; MINNIE DIKEMAN, March 17; DOROTHY FORD, March 18; JULIE MATTRAN, March 20; ROSEMARY ROBERSON, March 22; Student Agent TOM LINDENMUTH, March 13; Clerk J. HARTIGAN, March 31, and last, but not least, Superintendent JOHN ZUPKO, March 26...A happy first wedding anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. ARTHUR SMITH, March 27. Here's hoping you both have many more happy married years...Agent BILL PFEIFFER celebrated his 26th year with CTA on April 15. Doggone, Bill, you don't look a day older than you did last year. It must be that trip to Hawaii. ..Some of our people are still on the sick list. Get well wishes are sent to K. McKENNY, MARY JO OHNESORGE, DOROTHY FORD who is recuperating at home from eye surgery, and Chief Clerk JOHN HANNING who was hospitalized at this writing. Hurry and get well, gang, we miss you...Retired Janitor LESLIE BYRNES is home from the hospital, but is confined to a wheel chair. He would love to hear from his old friends. A phone call, card or letter would be greatly appreciated by Les. You may get his phone number or address from Janitor MOORE at the Lake-Kedzie Station...Agent LOUISE DREWS has a bright gleam in her eyes these days. Why? She is anticipating all the nice things she will do on her vacation soon to come. ..Agent HATTIE ROHR has been unusually perky lately. She is wearing a constant smile and goes about humming a pretty tune. We can't believe it's because of the new pick. Is there a new B.F.? What gives, Hattie, let us in on the secret. Have you been reading the April issue of Cosmopolitan?..Congratulations to JIM HAASE, the son of Agent MORA HAASE, who has started his new job at the Mart. Jim worked as a clerk on the surface system for many years. Much success to you, Jim...Agent MARY VIDAS has really sore feet. The poor girl has been pounding the pavement for weeks in search of an apartment, with no luck. If anyone can help her, contact your co-reporters, as Mary would make an ideal tenant (quiet as a mouse)...Agent MONICA LAMKE returned from her Florida vacation just in time for the new pick. We were surprised to hear that she picked on the Kennedy line this time as did Agent BILL PFEIFFER. Their moving over bumped a few of us out, but since they are such nice people, we're happy to say welcome to Bill and Monica and hope they like our new line... Retired Superintendent LEO BIEN called to say he had read our item concerning him and was happy to be remembered. He asked us to say hello to all and he promised to keep in touch with us. Please do, Mr. Bien...Those of us who attended the annual Metropolitan "L" Credit Union dinner at Nielsen's Village on North avenue, Saturday, March 18 had a wonderful time. The food, the company, and the enter-



STEVEN BOGIRA, the son of MICHAEL BOGIRA, 61st Street Maintenance Terminal, recently won a Chick Evans scholarship to attend Northwestern university. He plans to study journalism.

tainment was great. Those of you who missed it had better plan on attending next year. Agent DOROTHY ADLER made her stage debut that night, and let me tell you, she really has talent and is a good sport...JUNE BAREKMAN entered Presbyterian-St. Luke's hospital on April 5 for eye surgery for the second time. Knowing our bouncy "vamp", we are sure she will be up and around in great spirits very soon. Our best wishes to all our friends on the sick list and may you all be back to good health soon...Agent JACK TAYLOR started his vacation the first part of May, and when he returns he will only work a short while until his retirement on July 1. Have a fun vacation, Jack...In closing we would like to welcome into the CTA family circle TOM WIXTED, the son of your co-reporter MARY WIXTED. Tom will be driving a bus out of Forest Glen. Welcome, Tom, and good luck in your new position...We hope you all enjoyed a blessed and happy Easter. Keep smiling.

*- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wixted*

**MILWAUKEE, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -**

Spring has finally arrived, but you'd never guess it by the amount of snow on the ground when I wrote this. Summer will be here soon so let's hear about all those fabulous vacation plans...BETTY RUSSO spent her two-week spring vacation in Sarasota, Florida, with her sister and her mother. They spent most of their time relaxing at the beach. They also saw the Ringling Bros. circus and visited with friends in Bardenton and Daytona. Betty came back to work looking very well-rested and tanned...ELEANOR HASBROUCK and MARY WIXTED are both in the hospital at this writing. JUNE BAREKMAN and DOROTHY FORD are also in the hospital for eye surgery. Hope to see you all back to work soon. JOHN HANNING, chief clerk for Congress-Douglas, has been on the sick list for some time. Also Agents VALERIE THOMAS and A. (Fox) CONNOR and Janitors CHARLIE RAJEWSKI, ERMA BOND, and LEROY SUTTON. Hope to see you all well and back with us soon...Best wishes to CHARLIE NOREK and Janitor G. HAWKINS who took their pensions April 1. A long and happy retirement is wished both of you...MARGARET NOLAN spent her two-week spring vacation in Las Vegas winning some and losing some. Margaret came back looking very well rested and eager to work again. Hope to see Margaret's counterpart, KATHERINE McKINNEY, back soon. Katherine is still on the sick list due to injuries she received when she was in an automobile accident. State-Lake inner is just not the same without both of you...HELEN GUTH celebrated her ninth anniversary with CTA on March 30. FRED FRIEB put in his 26th year with CTA on March 11. Fred spent his day off by taking his three-year old granddaughter to her first circus...We all wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of JAMES PAICELY who passed away on March 29. CTA lost a good employee and many of us lost a good friend...Student Agent CHERYL LEE flew to Tarkio, Missouri, for the Black Art festival at Tarkio college. She said she had a great time... Did anyone know that Student Agent STANLEY BULLARD was an all-American guard in high school and turned down several scholarships for basketball to work for the CTA instead?..A warm welcome is extended to GABE BARNES and SANDRA MAHONEY, both former student agents who have returned to CTA. Also a warm welcome to EARL BOYD, a former South Section agent who resigned and has now returned to the great West Side...Student Agents MARCIA ERENBERG, LINDA WAYNE and PAT MARTINEK have resigned. The best of luck to all of you...Congratulations to two of our agents who were recently married, GLORIA TAYLOR who is now GLORIA JENKINS, and OLEY FOWLER who is now OLEY DENNIS. Best wishes for a long and happy marriage to both of you...Everyone is happy to see Assignment Agent JACKIE HOLMES back to work after being off a week due to injuries sustained while on the job. Jackie has promised never to do what she did so forcefully again...Congratulations to BARB COLWELL and CYNTHIA FLORENCE who recently qualified as assignment agents. Good luck to PAT GRIFFIN, GERALDINE LOMAX and JUNE JOHNSON who are currently breaking in as assignment agents.

*- Grace Mounts & Katy Moriarty*

THE HAPPY bride and groom are JOHN and SANDRA HOFFMAN who were united in holy matrimony on March 11. The lovely bride is the former SANDRA PFUND, material control clerk at South Shops. John is the brother of KAREN HOFFMAN, also of South Shops.

**NORTH AVENUE -**

Hi! This is Bill, and I am back to work and feeling good again. I want to thank all my friends for the cards and visits while I was in the hospital and after I got home. As for news for this column, I think all of you forgot about me. Spring is here, so I should be getting a lot of fish stories if nothing else...Foreman WILLIAM J. KOSEK of South Shops has returned to work. He really is a lot slimmer than before after being on a strict diet for over a month. I offered to take him out for a nine course meal; believe it or not, he turned me down. Naturally Bill paid the feed bill for his mechanical horse. I was happy to look after the horse while he was sick...Foreman RUDY GOODE is rushing spring. He's been wearing short sleeve sport shirts, snow and all. Please, Rudy, wear your winter shirts, then maybe spring will come...Goodby and good luck to all the North Avenue men who transferred to other stations, and welcome to the new men who have come to North. We're happy to have you and hope you will help us have the fewest number of accidents and the most commendations of all the depots...I met Superintendent WILLIAM MOSER of Archer. I told him I would say hello to all his friends at North for him...Chief Clerk WILLIAM PINASCO, Forest Glen, is oiling his fishing reels and getting ready for a fishing trip to Minnesota. He will miss his fishing partner, Pensioner GEORGE ROHRHUBER, who has taken up fishing in Arkansas. I understand he has purchased a home there to live the life of leisure--just fishing and fishing and fishing. Bill's new fishing partner is none other than Pensioner BILL DI GIOIA. Bill seems to get the best chefs for part-

ners. I haven't been that lucky. Pardon me, Pensioner LARS PEARSON, I miss your good cooking. I hope I can latch up with a partner who is a good fisherman and a good chef, too. The less said about my culinary arts, the better. ..With deep regret we report the passing of CHARLES OLCIKAS, general office information clerk and former District C supervisor. Our sympathy is extended to his widow...I hope all of you have a safe and happy Memorial day weekend.

A great big HELLO to everyone from almost anywhere (not just the Inner Sanctum)...The month of May brings thoughts of faraway places to most of us. We know it did to our genial custodian, ED KOCIENSKI, who headed down to Puerto Rico to vacation with his daughter and her family. Clerks ED WITEK and TOM HICKEY (he's one-half of the magic carpet Hickeys), and yours truly intend to spend "honey do" vacations--you know the kind, "Honey do this, and honey do that." We'll probably grumble but still enjoy doing it...District C Superintendent RAY REIGHARD and his Mrs. headed for Fort Lauderdale, Florida, stopping off at St. Simon's Island, Georgia, on the way down and Foley, Alabama, on the return trip...Clerk BILL REYNOLDS has returned from an Amtrak vacation that included New Orleans, El Paso and Mexico, then by plane (ygggh) to Denver, where he again joined Amtrak for a trip to Omaha, his last stop before turning for home. We sure wish more people would travel that way...Clerk BOB STACH will be heading for Lake Leach, Minnesota, to try and snag some of those big ones that got away last year...Clerk AL ROHDE set his car on automatic pilot and let it take him wherever it wanted to go. Would you believe he ended up in Elkhorn, Wisconsin? What other place is there to spend a vacation? We're wondering if his new car will do the same thing... District C Superintendent VIC LAULETTA had the misfortune of breaking one of his fingers while trying to hold the door open for an operator at Kedzie Station...Quite a few of our friends and fellow workers are confined to the hospital at this writing. They include: Switchboard Operator ED MAKOWSKI, who underwent serious heart surgery at Presbyterian-St. Lukes; Operator NICK DeFINA at St. Anne's; Retired Senior Instructor ED WEHMEYER at Lutheran General, and Former Board Member AUGIE JOHNSON at Columbus. We're hoping that you'll all be up and around again real soon...Just the other day LaVERNE TABEL, the wife of Relief Station Superintendent ART TABEL, received a get-well card. This isn't anything unusual for someone who has been ill, but LaVerne hasn't been hospitalized since 1970, and, believe it or not, that was the postmark on the envelope--JUNE 1970...Now here's a bit of news that's just about as tardy as that get-well card was. On January 25 Operator F. COOPER Jr. and his wife, VERA, became the proud parents of little DEMETRIOUS LEWIS, who weighed in at an even 7 pounds. Our belated congratulations to both of you. Come on fellas, give us the news while it's news; that's how you get your name in print. While we're on the subject of parents don't forget Mother's day, May 14, and Father's day, June 18. They'll appreciate knowing you didn't forget. If they're no longer with you, remember them in your thoughts...It was our pleasure recently to talk to Retired Switchboard Operator CHARLEY SCHMIDT and Retired Clerk ED McDERMOTT. Ed has been doing a lot of traveling around the country to such places as Florida, New York, and California. We also spotted another ex-switchboard operator in the station, JOE CABAY. On our way to work, we had a chance to chat with CHARLEY (Montrose avenue) EICHLER, former operator at Forest Glen. These fellows all look and sound as though they are really enjoying their pensions, and that's the way it should be. Good luck to all of you...We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Collector E. STOIKE who passed away recently. Also to Operator CHARLES KING in the loss of his mother-in-law, Mrs. BERTHA DEVINE; to Operator CALABRESI and Chief Clerk RUSS GUNDERSON, Lawndale, who's mothers passed away. Our condolences to Operator BARRON, Forest Glen, who had the double misfortune of both of his parents passing away on the same day in the same hospital...One fellow that wound up in the sick book recently was Supervisor LESLIE PEASE. Mrs. CHAMBERLAIN, the wife of Night Superintendent WARD CHAMBERLAIN, should literally be back on her feet by now. Watch it, boss, those dishpan hands are showing. If you've learned how to make good coffee, maybe you can brew us a "fresh pot" here at the office occasionally...The recent clerk's pick involved a bit of musical chairs. Clerk FRANK PASCHE vacated the No. 3 clerk's chair to take over as assistant chief clerk, displacing HANK ZYCH who latched on to the relief job that was left open when BOB STACH dropped into the No. 3 clerk's spot. Are you still with me, or have I lost you? Along with a few other minor changes, the office force is conducting business as usual. Oh yes, the team of HESTER and BRINDISE was left untouched. (How about that, you young Hesters, dad made the news again!)...We leave you with the following thought--you can't spray the perfume of happiness on others without spilling a few drops on yourself... See you all "purty" soon.

*- William Miedema & Walter Blix*

LOOKING QUITE the pro at having her picture taken in mommy's arms is little ERICA ANNE SMITH, the 3-month old daughter of Operator FRANK and JOYCE SMITH of North Avenue.

**NORTH PARK -**

Remember the date--Monday, July 17. The event is the annual Division 241 Golf Day at St. Andrew's Country club. Golf, dinner and prizes for all are on the agenda. So make your reservations now for this big day...Coffee was served on Wednesday, March 15, with rolls supplied by the North Park Credit Union for beating our par for the month of February in lowering our complaints and raising our commendations. Keep up the good work, fellows, and let's have more coffee and rolls...With the coming of the college students, your help and consideration will be appreciated by the instruction force. The hiring of these fellows makes summer vacations possible for most of us, so let's give them a hand...KEN PAOLI, the son of Operator GINO PAO-

LI, was a member of the Mark McDunn Brass Ensemble that performed at the Center Theatre at DePaul university. Ken, a music major at DePaul, did all the arrangements for the group...WAYNE BAEUCHLER, the son of Operator LEN BAEUCHLER, was hospitalized at Mount Sinai hospital for major surgery, and at this writing is convalescing satisfactorily...Operator CHARLES SAUER and his family, along with his daughter, DEBRA, attended the Veterans of Foreign Wars Voice of Democracy banquet at Springfield, Illinois. Debra, who attends Roosevelt High school, won first place in the second district, and was competing against winners of other districts. Debra didn't win in Springfield, but our congratulations to her for a fine try...FRED ANHALT Jr., the son of Operator FRED ANHALT, was graduated on March 21 at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, as a 2nd lieutenant. Fred and his wife, ANN, attended the graduation and pinned Junior's bars on him. He will be stationed in Boston, Massachusetts...Pensioner JOE EIFFLES and his lovely wife, LINNEA, have purchased a mobile home in Clearwater, Florida, and will be at home at House 68, 3220 U.S. 19 North, Clearwater, Florida. Joe invites his many friends to stop by and visit him when traveling through Florida...JOE GOLDBERG, formerly an operator out of North Park, is now the chief money guard working out of the Howard Street "L" terminal. He is enjoying his work with his usual cheerful attitude...Operator SEYMOUR STEINBERG suffered his second car accident in front of the depot on Foster avenue, when his Plymouth was piled up by a careless driver. Parking in the yard would be a safer solution, Seymour...Operator FRED ANHALT fell on an icy sidewalk Sunday, February 27, breaking his wrist in two places and is now enjoying a two-month vacation. Hurry back, Fred, we all miss your cheerful comments... Operator ALLEN LICHTER and his wife, JUDY, have purchased a seven room brick ranch type home located at 5032 Greenleaf avenue in Skokie, Illinois. Allen is going to hold an open house in the near future and promises to invite his many friends to come and socialize...Supervisor GENE ADAMS and his wife, EMMA, have purchased a new home located at 2223 Edgewood drive, Grandwood Park, Illinois. Gene has an acre of property and expects to have a large garden and several fruit trees to work on...Operator BERNIE KONIARSKI and his wife, GERTRUDE, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on March 16 and received a congratulatory letter from President and Mrs. Richard Nixon on White House stationery...Operator JOHN COSGROVE and his wife, HELEN, vacationed in New Orleans where they attended all the fun events in the famous French Quarter...Operator LEN BAEUCHLER spent his annual vacation at Phoenix, Arizona, where his brother, EDWARD, resides. Len reports a few rounds of golf and a couple of visits to the race track. A visit with Pensioner JOHN (Jake) JACOBY of Scottsdale was also a must...Sanitary Engineer OSCAR ANDERSON retired on April 1 after serving the company for 35 years. Oscar and his wife, LUELLA, will be at home at 1104 Butler street, Morris, Illinois 60450, and will devote considerable time to fishing and raising their garden. . . Operator LOUIS (Bubbles) SCHWARTZ retired on April 1 and is looking at apartments on South Shore drive, where the work will be left to the peasants...Street Collector LOUIS TROKEN went on disability pension. We at North Park wish him well in the future...Operator BERT SCHWARTZ became a father for the second time when his wife, LINDA, gave birth to a son named FREDERICK BRUCE, born February 8 at Weiss Memorial hospital weighing 8 pounds 7 ounces...Happy anniversaries are extended to the following: Operator PETE DOLAN and his wife, ROSALEEN, their 15th; Operator JACK KOVITZ and his wife, SHIRLEY, their 41st; Operator JAMES PATRICK and his wife, ROSE MARIE, their 21st; Operator IRVING SHER and his wife, MILDRED, their 37th; Operator THOMAS WILSON and his wife, BONNIE, their 14th; Operator HAROLD JULITZ and his wife, ANN, their 38th; Operator P. J. SMITH and his wife, MADELYN, their 19th; Operator ADOLF JENDRYCZKI and his wife, JEAN, their 34th; Operator FRANK KENNY and his wife, their 26th; Operator CHARLES SAUER and his wife, their 21st, and Pensioner ALBERT NAGELE and his wife, ANN, their 36th...Happy birthdays are extended to the following: Paymaster MIKE KOMPANOWSKI, LOUIS SCHWARTZ, LE ROY CONKLIN, HAROLD JULITZ, ADOLF JENDRYCZKI, Clerk TERRY LATTIN, FERNANDO ESQUIVA, DEAN and MERYL SECLAR, AGNES ERICKSON, TOM KURCZEWSKI, MATTHEW DOLAN and MARY KIRKWOOD...Our sympathy and condolences to Operator AL FERNBACK in the loss of his mother, Mrs. LILLIAN FERNBACK; to Operator G. BRIESCHKE in the loss of his father, WILLIAM BRIESCHKE, and to the families of Street Collector EDWIN STOIKE, ALBERT GLUECKERT, ALBERT TROCKER and Utility Chauffeur RICHARD MURPHY.

Repair Department Chit Chat: Assistant Day Foreman JOE COUGHLIN and his wife, DOROTHY, vacationed throughout the State of Florida and had a wonderful time... On vacation at this time are Repairman FRANK SCHENDL, FRANK SIBLEY, PAUL SCHREVES, and Servicemen BILL STAUNTON and EDWARD OLENDER...Repairman A. GUTANSKY is presently at Edgewater hospital for observation. ..ROBERT JOHNSON and A. KULCZYK are still off sick at this writing, and our prayers are with them for a fast recovery...Clerk EARNIE LOTITO is doing a major remodeling job on his bathroom. and his wife is very proud of him. ..Assistant Foreman DENNIS CRONIN had a serious fire in his home recently. Fortunately, his family was able to get out before anyone was injured...Need cash for that vacation? See JOHN, DALE or TONY at the credit union office and they will be happy to provide you and yours with ready cash.

*- Melvin Horning*

**NORTH SECTION -**

North Section Superintendent M. LaVELLE extends his personal congratulations to all North Side employees, both at Howard and Kimball Stations, and to the men of the Instruction Department, who were instrumental in helping the North Section receive a safety award for 1971. It was the safest year in CTA history. The North Section had 19 fewer accidents than in 1969. It broke accident par once; had 280 zero accident days. Broke commendation/complaint par once. And added 16 new members to the Courtesy Caravan Club. Mr. LaVelle is looking forward to another safe year, and again says "Thanks" to everyone. For winning the award, the North Section enjoyed coffee and rolls on April 13...Welcome to new Agent THOMAS MITCHELL, coming to us from the Shop Department. He has been with the company 11 years...Agent EVELYN LANZ recently underwent surgery at St. Francis hospital. We hope she will soon be well and back with us. Agent EARL STEVENS also was in the hospital, as was Agent DORIS BARTHEN. We wish them a speedy recovery. Agent LILLY WILLIS is back to work after having had spinal surgery. Lilly was off work for four long months, and we're glad to see her back. ..Our sincere condolences to Agent BENNIE RUSH and her

# RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYES

ANTON J. ANDRULIS, 86, South Shops,
Emp. 10-4-27, Died 2-9-72
BAYARD ASHTON, 77, 77th Street,
Emp. 5-26-21, Died 2-6-72
MICHAEL BOGGINS, 85, Devon,
Emp. 12-14-16, Died 2-23-72
CHARLES W. BOTTORFF, 88, South Section,
Emp. 7-3-11, Died 1-30-72
WILLIAM H. BRIESCHKE, 76, Forest Glen,
Emp. 9-18-23, Died 3-1-72
HAROLD A. BROWN, 72, Forest Glen,
Emp. 5-19-43, Died 2-17-72
WILLIAM L. BROWNE, 79, 77th Street,
Emp. 10-8-12, Died 2-24-72
HAROLD W. BUSCH, 83, Building,
Emp. 9-17-07, Died 2-12-72
ANTONIO CARDAMONE, 76, West Shops,
Emp. 8-19-43, Died 2-16-72
LOUIS CYGAN, 70, Forest Glen,
Emp. 7-22-29, Died 3-1-72
HARVEY O. DeBARR, 78, Purchasing,
Emp. 11-17-16, Died 2-25-72
MATTHEW B. DIETERS, 77, Lawndale,
Emp. 6-1-21, Died 2-26-72
MYRON DRAGAN, 82, 77th Street,
Emp. 3-5-25, Died 2-17-72
JOHN S. FLASZ, 88, Devon,
Emp. 4-29-13, Died 2-13-72
FRANK FOCHT, 70, North Park,
Emp. 12-26-44, Died 2-20-72
WALTER GADECKI, 75, South Shops,
Emp. 8-14-23, Died 2-23-72
WILLIAM F. GOSSICK, 69, South Shops,
Emp. 6-27-47, Died 2-27-72
HARRY D. GREENLEES, 83, Kedzie,
Emp. 6-30-15, Died 2-3-72
ELMER H. HARWOOD, 71, Forest Glen,
Emp. 1-27-26, Died 2-25-72
PAUL A. ING, 79, North Section,
Emp. 12-13-24, Died 2-12-72
JAMES JACKSON, 25, Archer,
Emp. 8-17-70, Died 4-4-72
THOMAS J. JAVORSKI, 83, Archer,
Emp. 9-28-17, Died 2-9-72
GEORGE H. KAUFMAN, 75, Forest Glen,
Emp. 2-7-24, Died 2-18-72
JOHN L. KEHOE, 48, South Shops,
Emp. 7-14-42, Died 2-21-72
TERENCE V. KENNEDY, 75, West Section,
Emp. 8-9-23, Died 2-28-72
EMMA H. KRUMSIEG, 88, West Section,
Emp. 12-29-43, Died 2-19-72
FRANK S. KUCZEK, 85, Elston,
Emp. 10-28-19, Died 2-15-72
HERBERT N. LEAVITT, 81, North Section,
Emp. 4-27-20, Died 2-12-72
VITO MARZANO, 85, Douglas Park,
Emp. 1-30-20, Died 2-7-72
JAMES J. McCORMICK, 77, North Section,
Emp. 10-11-22, Died 2-1-72
PATRICK McGEEVER, 83, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 2-10-14, Died 2-26-72
RICHARD K. MURPHY, 62, Util. & Emer. Serv.,
Emp. 12-22-42, Died 3-9-72
JAMES J. NAGLE, 83, Kedzie,
Emp. 2-20-20, Died 1-30-72
CHARLES OLCIKAS, 64, Executive,
Emp. 3-31-42, Died 4-2-72
FRANK PACULA, 64, West Section,
Emp. 10-8-29, Died 2-2-72
JAMES PAICELY, 44, North Section,
Emp. 7-3-53, Died 3-28-72
ANDREW PASSERO, 73, Congress,
Emp. 12-24-26, Died 2-20-72
RUBY M. PIERSON, 81, West Section,
Emp. 3-12-47, Died 2-22-72
WALTER F. PRIEMANN, 77, Skokie Shops,
Emp. 3-6-23, Died 2-15-72
THEODORE S. RAY, 67, 52nd Street,
Emp. 2-14-45, Died 2-12-72
EDWARD STOIKE, 57, Limits,
Emp. 12-23-42, Died 3-14-72
LOUIS A. STRUCK, 96, West Section,
Emp. 3-31-02, Died 2-28-72
JOSEPH TILL, 69, North Avenue,
Emp. 11-13-23, Died 2-22-72
ALBERT R. TROCKER, 57, Electrical,
Emp. 1-27-42, Died 3-18-72
PAUL TWINE, 52, Investigation & Claims,
Emp. 3-18-48, Died 4-10-72
PATRICK WALSH, 69, Limits,
Emp. 5-13-42, Died 2-18-72
HENRY B. WILLIAMS, 52, District B,
Emp. 11-30-50, Died 3-18-72
WALTER A. WITONSKI, 79, West Section,
Emp. 6-2-42, Died 2-12-72

family in the sudden and tragic death of her three-year old son. Our sympathy also to the family of AL TROCKER, Howard Street electrical maintainer, who passed away March 19. Al was the father-in-law of Supervisor JERRY THIVEL. Our sympathy also to the family of JAMES PAICELY, former North Side trainman. Jim passed away March 28...Agent ANNABELLE DREW is home from the hospital, but it wasn't all bad luck for her as her daughter, PHYLLIS, presented Annabelle with a grandson named TIMOTHY SCOTT KRUEGER...Supervisor ROBERT THOMAS and Mrs. THOMAS have had an addition to their family. They adopted a little boy six years of age. Congratulations and may you all enjoy the love of a happy home...Student Agent STEVE DUFFY gave his girl friend, KATHLEEN MORIARITY, an engagement ring. The lucky couple is planning a September wedding and a honeymoon in Hawaii... Agent ED ISAK and his wife, JOSEPHINE, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary April 24. Agent A. LUCKEY and his wife celebrated their 31st and also became grandparents again...Janitor PETE PEDERSEN has left the ranks of the CTA. Pete went into private business with the purchase of a grocery store. Good luck in your new venture...Janitor D. J. LIBERKO went to Los Angeles and San Francisco on his vacation...Agent DARLENE BOHANNON and her husband are the proud parents of a baby girl. Congratulations! ..Agent MAMIE TWINE moved into new surroundings and many of her friends had a house warming party for her... Agent BETTY FIFE spent a few days in Ravenswood hospi-

tal and is now at home recovering...Agent SARA SIMMONS attended a benefit dinner March 10 at McCormick Place for the Reverend Jesse Jackson's new program, PUSH...JOE GOLDBERG, chief foot collector, and his wife, BEVERLY, spent 12 happy days in and around New Orleans for the Mardi Gras. They had a grand time seeing the old plantation homes and having mint juleps...Agent MARY RAFFERTY celebrated 15 years with the company...As the saying goes, "it's a small world." Your reporter and her husband, GEORGE, and your reporter's father, V. WINDFELD, went to Miller's Pub for lunch and who should be there but ROSE McANDREWS and a friend. Rose was on vacation and they had attended a show and were enjoying a meal and a cocktail (P.S. we did too)...Agents celebrating their first year with the company were H. ISAK, F. KLOSOWSKI and JACKIE BERNS. Five years with the company, LOUISE BROWN, DAVID ROSENBERG, SARA SIMMONS, MARIE HEFFERNAN, LORRAINE ORR, ED OLSEN and yours truly, TINA HENKE...Welcome back to Motorman ART PHILLIPS. Art was in a very bad auto accident three and a half months ago and came back to work on April 9...The biggest surprise on the new pick was TOMMIE LYONS changing to Kimball after many, many years at Howard. Tommie recently moved and Kimball is closer. Superintendent W. ROONEY said he couldn't believe his eyes when Tom reported to work...Superintendent M. LaVELLE had a one-week vacation in April and we were glad to hear that Mrs. LaVelle is doing fine after having been in the hospital...Our sympathy to the family of Agent LILLY WILLIS in the recent death of her mother-in-law in Florida, and to Agent DORITHA DAVIS, whose father passed away.

*- Tina Henke*

**OPERATIONS (Transportation) -**

THOMAS STIGLIC and his wife, HELEN, flew to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and then went to an area called Plantation for a visit with their daughter, HELEN MERRY, and her family. He went swimming every day and gave his grandchildren swimming lessons. They went out for dinner (to give the ladies a rest), drove around taking in all the sights they could, and even went down to the Keys. Tom managed to squeeze in a game of golf while his wife went shopping. The weather was very nice and they had a wonderful time. His final comments were "Florida is more beautiful than people say it is." I have to admit that I agree with him...I've heard that lately there is a radio dispatcher walking around with a dark coat and a white carnation in his lapel. If anyone has information leading to his identity, please let me know...We welcome a new information clerk, ARTHUR J. PINELLI, who transferred from the Accounting Department. He is replacing JOE RITROVATO who transferred to the Schedule Department. Good luck to both men in their new positions...On April 1, District Superintendent EDWARD G. STREY of South Rapid Transit District joined the ranks of the retired after 30 years of service. We extend our best wishes for a very happy and healthy retirement.

THIS PICTURE was taken in 1955 at a retirement dinner for Agents BETTY BUCKLEY and CATHERINE COLLINS. How many ticket agents can you identify? Turn to page 22 for their names.

**(Traffic Planning) -**

On March 22, FRANK BARKER's son, GEOFF, a sophomore at Oak Park-River Forest High school, received his school letter for track. Looks like he's following in his brother's footsteps. Congratulations and continued success...We would like to welcome FLOYD R. BURNS, junior traffic planning technician, to our department. He was formerly a bus operator at Archer Station. Good luck in your job, and it's nice to have you with us...NANCY JOHNSON recently got a combination German shepherd/collie and promptly named it Brandy. The dog was four weeks old when she fell in love with it.

**(Utility and Emergency Service) -**

Mr. and Mrs. ED SLAMP went west to Las Vegas for their vacation. Ed reports that his luck was bad, but was happy to say that his wife had some success. The weather was beautiful and they had a very good time...ED KENNEDY spent his vacation at Winter Haven, Florida, the training camp of the Boston Red Sox. He was particularly interested in one of the Sox players, his son. Ed predicts that the Sox will win the World Series, but didn't say if it would be the Red Sox or the White Sox...NORBERT GEWELKE went to Scottsdale, Arizona, for his vacation. The temperature ranged between 78 and 92 degrees every day and there wasn't a drop of rain. He returned home with a good tan and some money in his pockets, because he stayed away from Las Vegas...On April 1, DANIEL T. BOAL retired from the CTA with 32 years of service. Many of his friends came to Blue Island on his last day of work to wish him the best of luck. Among those present were JOE MULREE, WALTER JOHNSON and PETE RECKS. We all wish Dan a long and happy retirement...Congratulations to GENE SPROVIERI and STANLEY KAMINSKI, who celebrated their 25th anniversaries with CTA...The household of JAMES ROCHE was very pleasantly surprised when their son, SP4 MICHAEL ROCHE, came home unexpectedly, safe and sound, from Vietnam where he served as a member of the 101st Airborne Division of the U.S. Army. He will now be stationed at Fort Campbell in Kentucky...On March 10, Emergency Service Chauffeur RICHARD MURPHY passed away shortly after reporting for work. We would like to extend our sympathy to his family. We also extend our condolences to CHARLES HOLLINGSWORTH, whose brother passed away in Hempstead, New Jersey; to LOUIS GODEK and AARON WRIGHT, who both lost brothers; to VIRGIL TYLER in the loss of his father-in-law, and CARL HARE, whose step-father recently passed away in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**(Equipment Research & Development) -**

On April 1 CHARLES W. RICKER, chief equipment engineer, retired from the CTA. He plans to take it easy for awhile, and spend more time with his children and grand-

children. Later he and his wife, EMILY ANN, will travel to San Antonio and Denver to visit with family and friends. Charles likes to play golf, so when the weather gets warmer I'm sure he will be out on the golf course hitting that little ball. I was asked to remind HAROLD BROWN to be sure and call him up and let him know when and where the next CTA golf tournament will be held. We all wish the Rickers a very happy, healthy and long retirement.

*- Colette Szczepanek*

**PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -**

Get-well wishes are sent to TERESA DeLEONARDIS and GERI LaVINE of Purchasing who are on the sick list. A speedy recovery to both of you...DENISE PATHEIGER has left Stores for a new job with the Shops & Equipment Department at South Shops...A big hello is extended to RON TABOR. Ron has joined the Specifications Department as a specifications engineer; also hello to PRISCILLA KAMRADT, who is unassigned in the Stores Department. Good luck to all of you...LINDA LUNDBERG, chief den mother of Pack #3058, organized the cub scouts for their annual Blue & Gold Dinner. The dinner was a huge success and enjoyed by all...HELEN TOTH, Purchasing, spent a one-week vacation after Easter spring-cleaning...The new Mr. and Mrs. BURNS (Mary Ann Wallace) spent a two-week sun-shiny honeymoon in Acapulco and Mexico City. They stayed at Las Brisas, where they had their own private "casita" and pool on the hillside overlooking Acapulco Bay. In Mexico City they stayed at the Sheraton Maria Isabel. While on safari, Mary Ann came in first place in the burro races. They also saw a bull fight. The return flight home on a DC-10 Luxury Liner was very comfortable. They are back home once again loaded down with souvenirs and happy memories...Our deepest sympathy is extended to BOB McCARTHY and his family in the loss of their mother, and to the family of BEN CUTRERA, retired laborer at Skokie Shops, who passed away...Congratulations are in order for SAM CANELLA and his wife upon becoming grandparents again. Little SANDRA ANN CANELLA, weighing 6 pounds 9 ounces, was born on February 19...HELEN SLATTERY and her husband, TOM, of the Skokie Upholstery Department, were proud when their son, ROBERT, received his bachelor of science degree in accounting and mathematics from Northern Illinois university in January. Bob worked as a conductor out of Howard Street during summer vacations while attending school. Congratulations, Bob! . . CHUCK SCIMECA, fork lift operator, underwent open heart surgery and is on the road to a speedy recovery. Get well quick, Chuck...It is certainly obvious that spring is here from the rise in the automobile market. VINKO DJONLICH, laborer, bought himself a bright red 1972 Chevy Impala. GEORGE LINDEN, assistant divisional storekeeper, bought himself a new green 1972 Chevy. CHRIS LAMPROS, laborer, purchased a new car and is now planning a trip...BILL NOVAK, stock clerk II, just returned from a vacation trip to Iowa in his new car. Congratulations are also in order for Bill on the birth of two more grandchildren. Bill now has five grandchildren...ART STAHL, stock clerk II and leader of the "Over the Hill Gang", was off sick and has returned to work. Glad to see you back, Art!.. CLIFFORD PETTIS, fork lift operator, has returned from his vacation and reports that he had a wonderful time... JOHN MARASOVICH, stock clerk II. and his wife have returned home from a one-week vacation in Las Vegas. After their return John's wife was hospitalized with a slipped disc. This leads us to believe the rumor that the injury was incurred while pulling the slot machine handle...SAM ELLIS, stock clerk I, is back from his vacation and reports that he had a "honey-do vacation."..A warm welcome is extended to RICHARD WEATHERSBY, who became a stock clerk I...Congratulations to WALTER JUGIN, who will replace ART HOFFMAN as stock clerk II...Congratulations and best wishes are extended to DAMEN RILEY, stock clerk, who retired on April 1. Damen reports that he will be heading for Japan to visit his son, Technical Sergeant NATHANIEL B. RILEY, and his family. Have a happy and healthy retirement, Damen! . . JACK GUBBINS, assistant divisional storekeeper, was off sick with the flu but is back at work as of this writing. Jack reports that he is feeling better now.

*- Cecilia Trucco & John Gill*

**RAPID TRANSIT MAINTENANCE TERMINALS -**

Enjoying an early spring vacation is S. SIGGERS, 61st Street...Glad to see A. LAURAS, 61st Street, back to work after a stay in the hospital...Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to JOHN SHANAHAN, 61st Street, who is in the hospital...Wishes for a speedy recovery are also sent to PAT ANTONUCCI, the wiie of JOHN ANTONUCCI, 61st Street, who is at home recuperating from an operation... Our condolences to LUTHER CARR, 61st Street, and his family in the passing of his brother. Mr. CARR was also the brother-in-law of TOM BASKIN...Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to D. WILBORN, Dan Ryan, who is in Jackson Park hospital; also a special wish from R. BUFORD and F. PICKETT... Spring always brings a change and that includes a change of jobs. From all the boys at all the stations, best of luck to all who transferred.

*- Ray Brzeczek*

**SOUTH SECTION -**

Is everybody anticipating spring as much as I am? Let's hope she makes her appearance soon!..A hearty welcome to our newly-hired Conductors MICHAEL COLDING, HARRY ZYCH and RONALD SMITH, and newly-hired Janitors JAY DOBBS and WILLIAM LOVE...Congratulations to Conductor JOSEPH WATKINS on winning a color TV set from the Major Charles L. Hunt Post No. 2024, V.F.W. The winning ticket was sold to him by his motorman, SIDNEY EDWARDS, a past member...A sad, sad item to report: Conductor HAROLD WILLIAMS' daughter passed away recently after a long illness. Our sincere condolences to the Williams family in their sorrow...Now a happy item: Agent RUTH LOVELL is back to work. She wishes to thank everyone for their cards and calls and thoughtfulness while she was in the hospital and home recuperating... Retired Division 308 Board Member CHARLES BURNS is back from Phoenix, Arizona, where he spent most of the winter. He looks good and has a nice suntan. While in Arizona he visited with Retired Station Superintendent MICKEY O'CONNOR and his wife, ALICE, who live in Tucson, and also visited the THOMAS McINERNEYS, retired conductor and retired assignment agent NANCY, who live in Scottsdale. They all say "hello" to all their friends back here in Chicago...Back from two years of military service is Janitor WILLIE STEVENS. Everyone is glad to see him return. . . Sincere sympathy is extended to Supervisor THOMAS KILL, whose brother passed away recently, and to Janitor JAMES STRONG, who lost his son...It is nice to see some

of our people who were on the sick list back to work: Conductors JOSEPH MITTLER and THOMAS DOUGLAS, Yard Foreman JOHN MITCHELL, Janitor EUGENE ROGERS, and Clerk ROBERT HARVEY...Forgot to tell you last month that Motormen BERNARD PERRY and RICHARD McCALLISTER, and Switchman FRANKLIN PETTIS qualified as supervisors and are now working as extra supervisors... Retired Motorman EDWARD HENNESSY called and said that he and his wife just returned from Arizona where they spent most of the winter. They saw the MICKEY O'CONNORS and THOMAS McINERNEYS, and also visited Retired North Section Motorman PAT FLATLEY and his brother, and Retired North Section Conductor FRED BECK. The Hennessys said they had a marvelous trip...We were saddened to hear that Mrs. LEONARD DeGROOT, the wife of Retired Towerman LEONARD DeGROOT, passed away suddenly. We had just seen her not long ago at a get-together. Our condolences to Leonard...Our employees are still getting some nice commendations: Motorman LEMUEL KEMP received a passenger commendation for outstanding vehicle operation, Conductor MARTIN CUNNANE received a commendation for finding a passenger's lost purse, and Clerk ELIJAH SMITH received one for finding a passenger's lost article. Keep up the good work, South Siders!.. Conductor RICHARD JOHNSON resigned to work for the U.S. Post Office. Best wishes to him...Heard that Retired Yard Foreman WALLACE BROWN, who lives in Riverdale, Michigan, was in the hospital recently, but is home now recuperating and feels much better...Conductor WALTER JOINER was beaming all over when he told us about his new son, MICHAEL, who was born February 28. The happy Joiner family have five children now, three boys and two girls. . . Retired Motorman CHARLES BOTORFF passed away recently. Our sincere condolences to his family...On the sick list at this writing are: Motormen WILLIAM FRANCIS, JESSE STOUDMIRE and WILLIAM PAYNE. Hope they all will be back to work soon...Motorman PATRICK MORAN went on pension April 1 and the men at Ashland had a little get-together for him. Cake and rolls were served and a token of remembrance was presented to him by his co-workers. Patrick was employed in 1942 and was an excellent employee. Congratulations, Patrick, and may you have a wonderful pensioned life.

*- Verna Hartney*

**SKOKIE SHOPS -**

WILLIAM EBERHART, electrical worker, is driving a new Ford. Lots of happiness and good luck, Bill...FRANK SWAIN, shopman, took an early pension March 1. Frank, who hasn't been feeling well, is getting stronger now, and we hope he can enjoy a long pensioned life. Good luck, Frank. . . DENNIS WINNICK, shopman, is back to work after an injury. I know you are glad to be back...JAMES O'SHAUGHNESSY, shopman II, is back to work after another operation for cataract removal. Glad to see you back, Jim, it is nice to have the operation behind you... JOSEPH ROMBOUT, electrical worker, is back to work after a few days in the hospital for the removal of a kidney stone. Nice to see you so well, Joe...RAYMOND LASKOWSKI, machinist, had the pleasure of being picked for jury duty. Ray said he really liked it...EDWARD MAY and CASIMIR TUREK, electrical workers, are starting their jury duty on April 3. Lots of fun fellows. However, they are in different courts...Your scribe, EVERETT, and his wife motored to Muskegon, Michigan, for some tournament bowling. They had a nice trip up, but it snowed on the way back...FELLOW WORKERS--You are not doing so well in submitting news. Skokie Shops needs some--please help.

*- Everett E. England*

**SOUTH SHOPS -**

A heartfelt welcome to our new co-op students in Technical Services, RALPH MALEC and JAMES GEBIS. Both are graduates of University of Illinois Circle Campus... Congratulations to GEORGE HAENISCH, Technical Services engineer, and his wife, ARLINE, on the arrival of their first baby, 8 pound 4 ounce MARGARET ALLYSON, on March 15...Congratulations to JIM HAWORTH and his brother, BILL HAWORTH, who were promoted to senior technical services technicians. I think they are trying to keep it ALL IN THE FAMILY!..DONALD TARNOWSKI, shop clerk III, is to be congratulated on successfully bidding on a job in the Technical Services Division...Wedding bells will be ringing for JOHN STEINMETZ, shop clerk in Area 221, who became engaged to PAM KERBS. His bride-to-be is presently teaching in the Chicago public school system. They are to be married August 12...A hearty welcome home goes out to Superintendent of Surface System Shops J. A. ROSENDHAL. Mr. Rosendhal just returned to work after an operation...TED PIETRUS, general foreman, just returned from a three-week vacation skiing in Colorado...Best of luck goes out to HENRY M. PETER, Area 349, on his retirement.

*- Elaine Stewart & Ernie Johnson*

**52ND STREET -**

Well that's the way it goes. You speak of spring and what do you get? Winter! Yes, that's what happened on March 29 when everyone was thinking spring was right around the corner--we got six inches of snow; but we are

THE FOOD was plentiful at the retirement party held for Clerk LARRY HELINSKI, 69th Street Station, when he took his pension on March 1 after 29 years of service. Pictured here, from left, are: Superintendent G. D. PEYTON of 69th Street Station, Larry, and J. PETROCIUS, assistant station superintendent.

THOSE PICTURED on page 20, from left to right, are: EMMA O'NEILL (deceased), ROSE HEIDENBLUT, BETTY BUCKLEY, LULU HAMANN, ANN O'CONNOR, CATHERINE COLLINS, NORA BURNS, EDNA BELL (deceased), and MARTHA ENNIS (deceased).

still looking forward to spring--I hope! Winter isn't too bad, it brings about some good things. It made grandparents of Operator BYRON DEAN Sr. and his wife, JUANITA, when JEFFERY BYRON DEAN was born on February 15 to his son and daughter-in-law, BYRON and CARLA DEAN, their first. Congratulations...The clerks had a pick, but luckily we were able to retain all but CHARLES DERRICK who is leaving us. Hope to see him return in the near future. But when you lose, you also gain--Clerk W. RUDDLE is with us now...At this writing Operators L. MANN and VIRGIL BROWN are off sick. Operator WALTER PETERSON wants Virgil to come back as soon as possible so he can have someone to chase down the street...Operator JIMMIE BROWN left 52nd Street and is now a collector out of Archer Station. See you later, Jimmie...Chief Clerk ARNOLD HILLSTROM says that one of these days he is going to break the stock market, so long as Operator CHARLES JOHNSON keeps bringing him the Wall Street Journal. Good luck, chief...As you all know, Operator ROBERT HOLMES was selected to fill the unexpired term of ERNIE HILL as our board member. I think it was a very good choice...I guess we are feeling a little better now that the medical bus has come and gone, knowing that most of us are in pretty good shape...Our deepest sympathy is extended to Operator EARL JACKSON in the loss of his wife; to BILL HILL in the loss of his brother, and to Janitor GEORGE BUTLER in the loss of his nephew, MOSES JACOBS, a former operator at 52nd Street.

*- John L. Hudson*

**69TH STREET -**

RAY HAMMERSCHMIDT is following his wife's weight watchers diet and has lost ten pounds. For his information, I am not getting fat but just pleasingly plump...HOWIE SANGER picked back on Marquette after a stretch as a box puller. WILLIE KANADY also gave up box pulling and picked on 55th street. How many pounds did you lose, Willie? Still on the box job are ED TIERNEY and DAVE McGOWAN. Ed tried to get as fast as Dave and broke two keys. The two quiet men on the job are SAM SCELLATO and BOB CRANE. Joining them are EARL SAENGER and CLYDE WOOL. PRIMM fills in on Thursday, and LOWERY is the emergency relief man...Mr. and Mrs. RUDOLPH RAJ went to Albuquerque, New Mexico, to attend their grandson's first holy communion on April 9...R. JEROZAL had another setback, but is now on the road to recovery. His daughter, SHARON ELLIOT, needed blood for a serious operation and is now doing fine and on her way back to good health...We have some new faces in the clerk department. They are CARTER, LEWIS and SAM CLARK. Leaving us are RAY KOCMOUD and BROADNAX...E. R. ORACKI wants to know what kind of signal an operator means when he holds his index finger straight up...ERNIE TOCCI says that the 54th annual retreat at Notre Dame's Stafford Hall is set for the second Friday in August...I saw W. A. (Spider Legs) CLIFFORD, retired clerk, recently and he looks fine and says hello to all his friends...W. M. BIERNAT says that DAKE is <u>that</u> some kind of driver, even when he is working a charter...W. LOGAY, the brother of Retired Superintendent J. LOGAY, passed away. Retired Instructor ROSSBACH recently passed away. The wife of Supervisor WILLIAM FLYNN, District A, passed on, and the mother-in-law of SAM SCELLATO also passed away. We at 69th Street extend our deepest sympathy to all their families and loved ones...Instructor SWANSON celebrated St. Patrick's day by riding the big bird to Miami, Florida. He also visited Retired Superintendent TOM SCREEN who sends his best wishes to all at 69th Street. The garbage trucks down there offer free snow removal. He also visited Retirees JACK and WANDA KRAUSE, and along with District A Superintendent FRANK M. GLYNN they all went to Ft. Lauderdale for dinner and dancing at the Viking's restaurant where they enjoyed their special Viking coffee... GENE HOWE vacationed in Texas during March...To JOE KOVATZ, my thanks for the printed plate on my mail box, and to MORNAR for suggesting it...Operator A. FRAZIER flew to Las Vegas for his vacation. When he returned he told A. BRADFORD all about the fun and games he had and wished Bradford could have made the trip with him. Bradford explained in two words why he didn't make the trip--no funds...Vacation time is here, so just drop me a note in the Transit News mail box and tell me all about your travels...From the repair department, JIMMY AHERN reports that PADDY FITZGERALD and his wife, and Mrs. PAT McNICKOLAS are back from sunny Florida after wintering there...We wish the best for the newly elected commissioners of Division 241...Pensioners BILL LORENZEN, JIM DONALDSON, JIM HOPKINS and JOE GAMEN are well and enjoying retired life...DANNY BOLES, who worked as a truck driver, retired on April 1. We wish you many good years of health and happiness, Danny...Our thanks to all who marched in the St. Patrick's day parade, and hope you all enjoyed it...PAT DONLON, former motorman, DOMINIC BURKE and PETE REILLY are all in great shape and enjoying retired life...Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM FALLEN on the birth of a baby girl...MARTIN, retired motorman from Cottage Grove, stopped by to vote and he looks great. He has lost a lot of weight and is real trim...God bless all of you.

*- Art Buesing & Jimmy Ahern*

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# TRANSIT NEWS

## *Shhhicago: rail smoother makes its debut*

MAY–JUNE, 1972

TO ALL EMPLOYEES:

With so much talk about preserving the environment, I thought it would be appropriate to comment on what the CTA is doing in this important area.

NOISE We have called in the best experts available to tell us how to reduce the noise level of train operation, especially in subways. The rail smoother which was dedicated June 1 is a result of our meetings. The car will cover the entire rapid transit system within the next six months smoothing rails and quieting train operation for the benefit of passengers, employees, and neighbors along CTA routes.

AIR POLLUTION The new buses we ordered include the most advanced anti-pollution equipment produced to date. Our greatest contribution to reduced pollution, however, will result from attracting more CTA riders--each bus can seat the equivalent number of passengers as that carried in 32 automobiles. The new equipment, air-conditioned, brightly lighted and operated by courteous employees will give motorists the incentive to leave their cars at home.

CLEAN UP One million dollars will be spent this summer to improve the appearance of rapid transit facilities throughout Chicago. Our campaign includes painting six miles of "L" structure and 37 stations.

ANTI-LITTER The CTA is giving 100 per cent backing to Mayor Daley's all-out anti-litter campaign. An executive committee has been formed to direct our efforts.

We live in the cleanest city in the United States, but we must all contribute to its preservation and improvement so it can continue to be the best place to live and work.

Sincerely,

Michael Cafferty
Chairman

**CONTRIBUTING PAPER** for use in the production of recycled paper products, CTA car cleaners at Howard yard are now sorting newspapers and waste paper from refuse cleaned from trains. In cooperation with the Citizens for a Better Environment, paper is stored in drums and dumped into a mobile container for shipment to the paper mill.

**THE TASK** of keeping base hour buses clean for passengers is now the responsibility of Cleaning Tosk Aides assigned to three busy bus terminals--Jefferson Park, 95th/Don Ryan and 79th/Halsted. Pictured on board an O'Harexpress bus at the Jefferson Park terminal is Bus Cleaner Gregg Rom of Forest Glen Garage.

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# Shhhicago: Rail smoother makes its debut

ON A signal from Transit Board Chairman Michael Cafferty, CTA's rail smoother made its debut at the Skokie Rapid Transit Shop on June 1. One of the most effective noise control devices in rapid transit operation, the car was placed in service immediately providing a demonstration ride over five miles of track on the Skokie Swift route.

Speaking before more than 100 invited guests, Mr. Cafferty said, "The development and operation of the rail smoother is one of many efforts being made by CTA to show its concern for the noise problem. This vehicle will enable us to continuously smooth rails throughout the 196-mile CTA system and will ensure keeping noise levels to a minimum."

Other speakers were Board Members Lawrence G. Sucsy and James R. Quinn. Mr. Sucsy was recently appointed by Chairman Cafferty to serve as the Board representative on CTA's Noise Control Committee.

The development of the rail smoother is one of the projects included in the first $80 million of CTA's $122 million two-year capital renewal program being funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Illinois Department of Transportation and the CTA.

The rail smoother is designed to remove corrugation from rails which results from high-speed operation of light-weight "L"-subway cars. Corrugation is a series of low spots on the rail running surface as great as six thousandths (.006") of an inch deep and spaced several inches apart. A high-frequency fluttering noise is produced by trains passing over corrugated rail.

The grinding process which smooths rails involves using compressed air to press abrasive bricks against the tracks while a train is in motion. Each brick has a 3 inch by 4 inch grinding surface, is 10 inches long and has a life of about 50 miles.

The rail smoother is capable of grinding with 14 bricks pressed to the rail at a time. Seven bricks are installed and clamped in place between wheels on each side of the four-wheel truck. Controls for pistons which raise or lower the bricks are contained within the body of the retired 1925-model rapid transit car under which the grinding equipment is installed. The car exterior is painted flame red and the white lettering "Shhhicago..." appears on each side. CTA engineers and technicians designed and built the rail smoothing equipment.

The rail smoother replaces the two Cycle Rail Grinders bought by CTA in 1961. Unlike the grinders, the rail smoother can be operated between regularly scheduled trains making as many trips as are required using a train crew of Transportation and Engineering personnel. The grinders could be used at night only when a section of track could be closed off and the resulting single track operation required the services of a traffic supervisor, a pilot, two signalmen and four switchmen.

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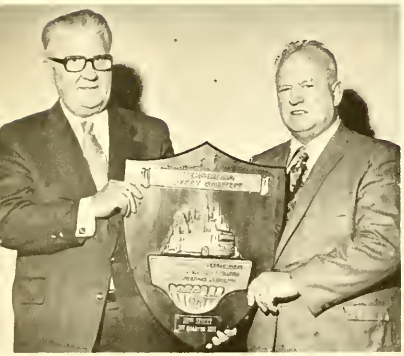
# ISC, ESC award winners named for first quarter of 1972

MARKING THE start of the 11th year of the ISC and the second year of the ESC, safety competition award winners were named recently for the first quarter of 1972.

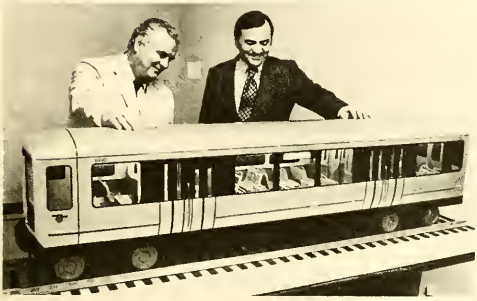
A two-part competition among the 12 surface system operating stations and also among the nine rapid transit system operating stations, the Interstation Safety Contest (ISC) gives recognition quarterly to the location in each group with the most outstanding performance in the prevention of passenger and traffic accidents. With a perfect score of 75.00, Forest Park Station won the rapid transit system award. Winner of the surface system award was 69th Street Station, with a score of 56.79.

A competition among similar groups of Shops & Equipment Department locations, the Employee Safety Contest (ESC) involves three separate groups--the 12 surface garages, 11 rapid transit maintenance terminals, and two main shops. Selection of the quarterly winners is based on the number of injuries per one million man-hours worked. With frequency rates of zero, North Park was named as the winner in the garage competition and Kimball was the winner of the maintenance terminal competition. South Shops took first place in the shop competition with a frequency rate of 47.7.



ISC AWARDS, won by operating employes at the surface and rapid transit stations which achieved the best safety performance in the first quarter of 1972, were accepted by station superintendents recently. At left, 69th Street Station Superintendent G. D. Peyton (right) accepts the surface system plaque from Superintendent of Transportation D. M. Flynn. At right, Forest Park Station Superintendent T. D. Boyle (right) receives the rapid transit system plaque from Assistant Superintendent of Operating Stations C. W. Gibes.

ESC AWARDS, won by Shops & Equipment employes at work locations with the least injuries during the first quarter of 1972, were recently presented to foremen in the three competing areas. Left: the surface garage award is being held by North Park Garage Foremen P. E. O'Connor, who accepted it from Operating Manager C. E. Keiser. Center: the rapid transit maintenance terminal award is being presented to Kimball Terminal Foreman A. J. Odrowski (left) by Superintendent of Rapid Transit Maintenance Terminals A. J. Porcaro. Right: accepting the shop award for South Shops is Superintendent of Surface Shops & Garages J. J. Repplinger (left) who is being congratulated by Director of Personnel F. A. Johnson.



# CTA Chairman Cafferty unveils model "L" car

A SIX-FOOT scale model of the new rapid transit cars that will be ordered by CTA this year was unveiled by Chairman Michael Cafferty at a meeting of the Chicago Transit Board on Thursday, June 8.

Constructed by Sundberg-Ferar, the nationally recognized industrial design firm which has been engaged by CTA to assist in styling the fleet of cars, the model is one-eighth of actual size and is complete with design features inside and out.

The model was constructed to facilitate refinements when CTA equipment engineers meet with prospective car builders. According to Cafferty the model permits viewing the car from perspectives which are not possible using renderings alone.

The purchase of the 100 air-conditioned rapid transit cars is one of the projects included in the first $80 million of CTA's $122 million two-year capital renewal program being funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Illinois Department of Transportation and the CTA.

**PEERING INTO** the model car (top photo) are Board Chairman Michael Cafferty (left) and Carl Sundberg, president of Sundberg-Ferar. *Reproduced with permission from the Chicago Daily News. Photographs by Charles Krejcsi.*

## Honor softball, basketball champs

DIVISION 241-308—CTA recreational activities program honored the Rapid Transit and Forest Glen teams as the 1971 softball and basketball champions, respectively, on May 26. Representatives of the 31 other participating teams were present.

Addressing the group as guest speaker was Transit Board Chairman Michael Cafferty. Mr. Cafferty, a staunch advocate of sports of all sorts, commended the sports program and the fine spirit exemplified by all the men participating.

In the top picture, Wilford Spears, executive board member of Division 308, is accepting the softball trophy from Mr. Cafferty while Mel Alexander, Transit News editorial assistant, looks on.

In the picture at right, Archie Harris, Forest Glen basketball captain, is shown accepting the first place trophy from Frank Johnson, director of personnel, as Mr. Cafferty and Forest Glen Station Assistant Superintendent Victor Johnson enjoy the presentation.

# West Section janitor wins 1972 public service award

DAVE JOHNSON recently became the third CTA employee in three years to be recognized as an outstanding Chicago area public service employee. A janitor assigned to the West Section of the rapid transit system, Mr. Johnson was one of ten winners of 1972 Superior Public Service Awards.

Transit Board Chairman Michael Cafferty made the presentation at the annual award luncheon and is pictured above with Mr. Johnson, who is being congratulated by Patrick O'Malley, master of ceremonies at the luncheon and chairman of Canteen corporation.

More than 100 nominees for public service awards were screened by a planning committee and six candidates in each of five categories were selected for further consideration by a panel of prominent citizens. The categories include the professional, clerical, public safety, general service and supervisory groups. Mr. Johnson, whose award was in the general service category, is pictured above with two other CTAers who were among 30 finalists. West Section Relief Superintendent K. L. Brown (left) was a finalist in the public safety category and Superintendent of Rapid Transit Maintenance Terminals A. J. Porcaro was a supervisory category finalist.

## R. W. Christian, J. J. Tvrdik take pensions June 1

RETIRING FROM supervisory positions at their respective operating stations on June 1, Robert W. Christian and Joseph J. Tvrdik closed out transit careers which they started as operating employees for predecessor companies.

Mr. Christian joined the Surface Lines as a conductor at the 77th Street Station on October 15, 1929. The following year he qualified as a motorman and in 1935 as a bus operator at North Avenue Station. He was appointed to the instruction force in 1942 and subsequently became a senior instructor and supervising instructor. Mr. Christian became assistant to the superintendent of operating stations in 1958, assistant superintendent of North Park Station in 1959, and in 1967 he was appointed Keeler Station superintendent, the position which he held until his retirement.

Mr. Tvrdik entered the service of the Rapid Transit Company as a ticket agent on May 22, 1937. He went into train service in 1945 and qualified as a conductor, switchtender, switchman and motorman. Mr. Tvrdik subsequently became a traffic supervisor in 1957, instructor in 1958, senior station instructor in 1960 and relief station superintendent in 1963. He was named assistant superintendent at the 61st Street Station in 1967, where he served until his retirement.

In appreciation of their many years of service in the Transportation Department, Superintendent of Transportation D. M. Flynn expressed the best wishes of their many friends and fellow employees and presented each with a remembrance of the occasion. In the picture at left, Mr. Christian is shown between Mr. Flynn and Superintendent of Operating Stations G. A. Riley. Mr. Tvrdik is shown in the picture at right with Mr. Flynn.

# Service anniversaries in May

## 35 years

A. M. Bannister, West Section
J. J. Barber, 77th Street
H. C. Cotton, West Section
C. H. Haslam, Congress Maintenance Terminal
F. S. Lundie, Electrical Distribution Division
V. Racanelli, Electrical Distribution Division
J. Tvrdik, 61st Street
V. Zastera, Rapid Transit Signal Division

## 30 years

J. L. Ahern, 69th Street Garage
W. A. Behnke, North Avenue Garage
M. R. Bellezzo, West Section
G. S. Bittourna, Electrical Distribution Division
R. S. Budnik, North Avenue Garage
R. J. Cieslo, North Park
F. Crouse, South Shops
T. J. Diver, North Park
F. C. Dwiel, North Avenue
E. F. Feltz, Archer
R. R. Ferraro, Building Maintenance Division
F. F. Gendusa, Archer
R. E. Hansen, Limits
M. Horning, North Park
J. T. Hussey, North Avenue Garage
J. F. Jaros, Lawndale Garage
J. H. Karel, Schedule & Traffic
T. K. Kay, North Avenue
S. J. Kozak, North Park
J. C. Keck, Forest Glen
T. W. Kill, Rapid Transit District-South
L. B. Kincanon, Schedule & Traffic
H. F. Knight, Beverly
J. G. Koclanis, Lawndale Garage
S. Kruszynski, South Shops
J. F. Kubicki, Archer
H. A. Laatsch, Security
J. J. Lurito, Internal Auditing
J. T. Motula, Utility & Emergency Service
S. J. Mazeika, Archer Garage
S. F. Miko, Forest Glen Garage
F. J. Olsen, Archer
J. J. O'Malley, South Shops
A. Pala, North Avenue Garage
F. P. Pikcunas, 77th Street Garage
A. Raimondi, Building Maintenance Division
R. H. Schneider, Security
J. E. Servid, South Shops
J. G. Stanton, District D
R. Stephens, Limits
J. E. Touhy, General Accounting
D. J. Waters, Rapid Transit Signal Division

## 25 years

J. Allen, Building Maintenance Division
A. F. Andrulis, South Shops
J. A. Baldassari, Skokie Shops
E. H. Beebe Jr., West Section
J. Bellafiore, Tire Inspection Center
A. H. Brandstetter, Building Maintenance Division
J. L. Carroll, South Shops
E. Chebo, Archer Garage
N. A. Cinquepalmi, Track & Structures
L. C. Cole, 52nd Street
A. J. DeVaux, South Shops
V. F. Donohue, Traffic Planning
D. Drislane, Stores
T. S. Dryier, Archer
E. M. Dwyer, Kedzie
D. J. Griffin, Electrical Distribution Division
W. J. Joyce, 77th Street
J. J. Kaliszewski, Archer Garage
J. J. Kania, South Shops
C. Korko, South Shops
M. C. Kells, Purchasing
J. Lacy, Stores - South Division
J. Lazzaro, Building Maintenance Division
A. G. Lenard, Beverly
R. H. Leonhart, North Park Garage
W. C. Liddell, Forest Glen
J. P. McEvilly, Archer & Lawndale
J. J. Meyer, North Avenue
R. C. Peisker, Limits
A. Pfeiffer, Charter Service
D. P. Raffin, North Avenue Garage
C. J. Schultz, Archer Garage
G. T. Streich, South Shops
P. F. Szafranski, 69th Street Garage
T. Szymanski, Skokie Shops
W. H. Webb, South Shops
I. Wilkins, South Shops
J. Willem, Transportation-General Office

HONORED AT the annual Engineering Department retirement dinner on Friday, May 5, were members of that department who retired during the year ending May 1, 1972. Pictured (from left) are: Arnold Walker, Gerald Smith, Victor Eisemann, Arthur Steers, Steve Laciy, Walter Ahern, John Bellisario and Vito Constantino.

# Service anniversaries in June

## 45 years

C. Pavesic,
Building &
Construction

J. A. Burns,
Community Relations

## 35 years

W. E. Devitt, Forest Glen
J. P. Finnan, Beverly
J. Lamont, South Shops
C. S. Larsen, Operations Control
J. F. O'Brien, North Park
A. J. Policki, North Avenue
C. C. Rochon, Utility & Emergency Service
R. L. Scholtens, North Avenue
F. Soluri, South Shops
E. Strzyzewski, District C
J. S. Sumner, Schedule & Traffic
J. E. Thompson, 69th Street

## 30 years

B. B. Alston, Schedule & Traffic
W. J. Brophy, South Section
L. Bruno, Track
J. M. Lundy, 69th Street Garage
J. D. Riordan, South Section
F. J. Schendl, North Park Garage
A. B. Sergey, Archer
H. P. Stretch, Investigation & Claims
H. W. Thomas, South Shops

## 25 years

P. F. Anderson, Limits Garage
E. E. Bartkus, South Shops
L. W. Craig, 77th Street
H. M. Doherty, South Shops
J. F. Fabits, Skokie Shops
A. W. Farley, Building Maintenance Division
D. S. Guereca, Skokie Shops
H. J. Halverson, North Park Garage
A. Hart, 77th Street
G. W. Isaac, North Park
R. Laskowski, Skokie Shops
L. Malicki, Forest Glen
P. M. Morowski, Forest Glen
R. Mosk, Limits
J. L. Nechanicky, Lawndale
M. A. Pfeiffer, West Section
J. Somogyi, North Section
F. R. Wisniewski, North Avenue Garage

# 13 suggestion award winners announced

THE EXECUTIVE Decision Committee of the Employee Suggestion Plan recently announced the adoption of 13 suggestions and approval of cash and Honorable Mention awards to the suggesters.

Among the cash award winners were two Shops & Equipment Department employees at South Shops: Louis Alleva won $185 for his adopted idea, Jerome S. Pavel won $50. Winning a $100 cash award was James P. Lyons of Storeroom 53 at South Shops.

Twenty-five dollar awards were presented to Pablo Caride of Skokie Shop and Leonard Skrine of Office Services, both of whom submitted their second adoptable suggestion within a year.

For their adopted ideas eight employees were named as winners of $10 Jewel/Osco gift certificates: Electrical—William F. Glassner and Willis J. Hoff of Blue Island, Walter Drobena of Chicago Avenue, George Matejovsky of General Office. Shops & Equipment—Joseph Butera of Skokie Shop, Thears Judkins of Kedzie Garage. General Office—Christine Borcic of Public Information. Transportation—Sidney I. Edward of South Section.

# Dangers of summer

## by Dr. George H. Irwin

VACATIONS, PROPERLY planned and carried out, are necessary and healthful. At the same time everyone should realize the dangers of summer vacations and take the necessary precautions to avoid hazards.

Holiday fun usually begins with anticipation of the vacations. However, a healthy holiday should begin with some good family organization, cooperation and planning. Proper planning well ahead of time can prevent ruffled tempers at the last minute and should help make your family's vacation a pleasant memory. Set up safety measures in your home before leaving, such as time-clock lights, proper mail handling, etc. Remember that accidents and illness don't take vacations but forethought and planning may prevent them from accompanying you and your family. A few suggestions may eliminate the need for a vacation when you return.

Just to refresh your memory, I call attention to the fact that on the recent Memorial day weekend there were about 575 fatalities in the United States. Most of these were highway accidents with drownings next in frequency.

Traffic or highway accidents can be reduced by proper planning. First, the best time to find out something is wrong with your car is before you depart, not after you are under way. Several days before you leave, take your car in for a thorough check-up that includes brakes, battery, tires, headlights, tail and stop lights, directional signals, steering mechanisms, horn, emergency brake, air conditioning and fan belt, etc.

Remember the following common causes of traffic accidents and see what you can do to avoid them: (1) Over-confidence. (2) Emotional hazards. (3) Short-sighted thinking. (4) Car neglect. (5) Distractions. (6) Outmoded highways. (7) Non-uniform laws.

Learn to anticipate possible hazards and drive defensively at all times. And don't drive when you are overly tired - stop, rest or get out and walk around.

Swimming accidents and drowning may well total 7,000 this year. Most of these drownings could be avoided if swimmers and others engaging in water sports would follow these basic safety precautions: (1) Learn to swim and relax in the water. (2) Never swim alone. (3) Don't swim when overly tired or when the water is extremely cold. (4) Don't overestimate your ability and endurance. (5) Swim in protected pools or beaches under the supervision of trained lifeguards. (6) If a boat overturns stay with it and don't try to swim a long distance to shore. (7) Never dive into unknown waters. (8) Try new activities only after learning the skills from qualified instructors. (9) Don't try to swim too soon after eating or drinking.

The picnic season is upon us, but don't let the bugs spoil your outings. They inhabit contaminated food and water and produce unpleasant conditions such as food-poisoning, gastroenteritis, typhoid and paratyphoid fevers, and skin rashes.

A few suggestions to avoid picnic trouble are: (1) don't do things with food on a picnic that you wouldn't do at home. (2) Don't make sandwiches and salads the day before. (3) Keep your picnic food cool - 50 degrees or below from the time you prepare it until you are ready to eat it. (4) Boil your water. Clear running water does not always guarantee purity.

The Sun—Friend or Foe? Many people feel that the sun promotes good health. This may be true if proper exposure is carried out. Nevertheless, it must be remembered that too much sun can produce not only a painful and disfiguring sunburn but can also dry the skin, speed up the aging process, cause skin wrinkles and also skin cancer. If you want sun exposure remember these facts. First, you should know your skin type and its tolerance to sun. Next, approach the sun cautionsly, allowing 10 to 15 minutes the first day and increasing it gradually thereafter. Consideration of time of day is important. Sun rays are most intense between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Geographic location makes a difference; tropical sun has twice the intensity of other climates. Even on a cloudy day you may get a severe sunburn. See your physician about a good sunscreening lotion.

In conclusion, if you avoid the dangers of summer mentioned above you will enjoy a pleasant and healthful vacation.

## AMA magazine debunks hot-weather myths

THE WAY to survive a heat wave is to take cold showers, drink long, frosty Collins, and take a lot of salt tablets, right?

Wrong.

Today's Health, the general circulation magazine of the American Medical Association, debunks in its current issue, a few of the closely-held myths and fallacies of heat-wave health care.

A lukewarm bath or shower will have longer lasting cooling benefits than a cold shower. Cold showers cause a warm afterglow as the body produces heat to compensate for the chilling.

The intake of alcohol can only lead to increased discomfort. Alcohol produces heat in the body and interferes with its heat control mechanisms.

Medical authorities advise against salt tablets, unless prescribed by a doctor. As a rule of thumb, an extra sprinkle or two from the salt shaker at mealtime is probably sufficient to restore an average person's summertime loss of salt.

# THE INSIDE NEWS

## AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**ACCOUNTING (General) -**

The welcome mat was extended recently for JOHN BILLIS who transferred from Shops & Equipment, and for ED KULPIT who replaced TOM MARASOVICH as a file clerk. Tom transferred to the Treasury Department and we wish him the best of luck in his new position...JUNE NOREN spent a lovely ten-day Easter holiday this year visiting her nephew, his wife, and their little daughter in Riviera Beach, Florida. Among other recent vacationers were HAROLD BROWN who traveled to Athens, Greece, and BILL PARRILLO who returned to work with a beautiful tan after spending two very enjoyable weeks in the area of Los Angeles, California...Our sympathy is extended to CHU GOSRISIRIKUL in the death of his brother; to LORRAINE FALK in the death of her sister, and to JOHN CANNON and his family in the death of his father-in-law.

*- Judy Cuci*

**(Payroll) -**

Imagine how pleasantly surprised we were when MARY JANE HOSTETTER came in Monday morning, April 10, and announced that her name had been changed to Mrs. ROBERT JOHNSON. Of course we were thrilled, and immediately made plans to have a luncheon in her honor at the M&M Club on Friday, April 14. We were happy to have her daughter, Mrs. SUSAN CHESLEY, join us; also a former co-worker, Mrs. PATRICIA CAMP, who fortunately was able to secure a sitter that day for her adorable baby. After lunch, in the office, Mary Jane opened several beautifully wrapped gifts amid many "oh's" and "ah's." We extend our best wishes for much happiness to Mary Jane and Bob Johnson...JEANNE and JACQUELINE BIZIK, Revenue, the owners of J. & J. Arabians, are proud to announce a new arrival to their family of horses, the first of many, they hope. Born April 16 in the midst of a heavy storm, the filly was appropriately called "Mariah", whose mother is Fadrena, granddaughter of Fadjur, and the father is Mesala, the son of Sinbad. The new addition is a bay and they are hoping she will remain a bay, though most Arabian horses will change...Speaking of new things, MARGE ORGAN is now the proud owner of a bright yellow Pinto--a four-wheeled one, not four-legged. Happy motoring!..It is so nice to have DORIS YOST back again after her knee surgery and we hope she will recover quickly and completely... CHRISTINE CAMERON, MARY BLACKMORE, ROBBIE JONES and YVONNE ZAJAK all enjoyed their spring vacations in spite of the fact that the weatherman was slightly confused and occasionally turned on the snow faucet.

*- Clara Lawrence*

**BEVERLY -**

Hi, first off let's get to the sick list. My co-reporter, TOM DANIELS, is confined to Little Company of Mary hospital. We wish you a speedy recovery, Tom. Also on the sick list are MacDONALD, HARRIS, H. JONES, WILSON, RAYBON and F. L. JONES. Get well soon, fellows...Operator GUS WRIGHT had a very busy weekend. He attended his nephew's first communion, then drove to the University of Wisconsin and picked up his son, STANLEY M. WRIGHT, and was back on Sunday morning to play softball...The Rosemoor patrol is really doing a good job. We have been instrumental in the apprehension of auto thieves, burglars, a rapist and numerous other things. Crime has dropped 12 per cent in the area since the patrol was started, but we still need more men...MARY L. DAVENPORT, the daughter of Operator McKINLEY DAVENPORT, was graduated from Mount Vernon Elementary school in June.

*- Tom Daniels & Amos Foster*

**ELECTRICAL (Rapid Transit Signal Division) -**

The Signal Department welcomes its newest addition, PAUL C. JANKOWSKI. He began as a signal helper in April of this year, and is now working with the good guys in the Signal Department's construction gang. Congratulations, Paul...Retired Signal Foreman THOMAS NOLTE was in the hospital and is now out again. His brief stay was only for a precautionary checkup. He's home doing fine and looking forward to meeting all the fellows at the next pension party...RICHARD VIETH is back from a mini-vacation trip to Pierre, South Dakota. We'll never know what happened, didn't happen or almost happened to him up there. He's not talking. Perhaps we could help him if he'd tell us about it...It was wedding bells for DANNY HAMMOND and PATRICIA RAGSDALE on April 22 at Grace Lutheran church in Westchester. No, I didn't ask Danny why he couldn't wait till June. Did you? As Danny and Patricia approached the altar their movement seemed to be in obedience to a force that was sweeping them away toward the inevitable. Even if they had forgotten everything else, they knew "this was the moment." HENRY GUERIERI was best man, while VICI DONONIA, who also caught the bridal bouquet, was maid of honor. The reception followed at Richards Banquet House in Berwyn. PAT DOYLE, FRANK BONK, JERRY GUTH and ROGER COMER were among the more than 200 guests that attended the wedding and reception. Before the evening subsided, Danny and Mrs. Hammond, clinging to each other (keep it up), were off on their honeymoon. They carried with them best wishes from both families and the entire Signal Department...JOHN GAY appeared to be making up for lost time on his last vacation trip. His one week was packed full of excitement as he toured a portion of the Southland. It all began when he flew to Columbus, Georgia, by way of Atlanta. He was greeted at the airport by a six-car caravan of relatives and friends, among whom was his mother he hadn't seen in seven years, as well as several aunts he hadn't seen in 19 years. John's younger brother, CLAYTON, who was home on leave from the armed services prior to his leaving for Vietnam, also played a role in helping to keep John awake for a week. The two hadn't seen each other in over 13 years when they met at the airport. They became carborne and tried to see everyone within range as they toured the East Coast, taking in Savannah, Georgia, Jacksonville, Florida, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, then back up the coast to Brunswick, Georgia, the place John said he liked best, and on to Columbus again. This doesn't sound like the same John I know who, only a few months ago, found it

nearly impossible to move from one room to another because of a serious leg fracture...Look out Coho salmon! COY CAUSEY bought a boat and joined the other five wavemakers in the department. Coy's 18-footer with its 100 horsepower engine is not for fooling around. It's strictly for fishing...It is with deep regret that we report the death of OSCAR KITZ. Mr. Kitz, who was hired in March, 1912, spent considerable time in the Signal Department working as a gate repairman on the Ravenswood route. His retirement of August, 1949, climaxed over 37 years with the company. His death marked the end of a retirement that lasted 23 years. Our sincere condolences to his family in their bereavement...GEORGE WAGNER, blacksmith helper, is off from work sick. George, who has been sick for over a month, said he feels fine and expects to be back to work soon. Good luck, George...RUSSEL J. ZAK passed away. He was the son of Retired Signal Maintainer CLARENCE ZAK. To the entire family we extend our sincere condolences...ART LUPESCU bought a new house, and what does he plan to put into it? So far, his only plans are to put Art into it. One thing at a time.

*- Tommie Lowery*

**(General Office) -**

MARIE HAVLIK and her sister, BERYL, flew to Nassau, and spent a delightful week at the Holiday Inn on beautiful Paradise island. Marie never fails to bring home some lovely, as well as useful, souvenirs that are much appreciated by her family and friends...Thanks to ED JURIC of the Schedule Department for giving us the latest scoop on ADOLPH KUTZ, retired estimator. The Jurics spent a few days visiting the Kutzes at their beautiful new mobile home in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Ed and Adolph played golf and also did some fishing. The catfish were biting and JULIE KUTZ did a great job of preparing them for dinner. JOHN UITZ and ED FOREMAN of the West Shops, and VIC ISEMAN, retired, also of the West Shops, called on Adolph who says every day is Sunday in Arkansas...We extend our condolences to JACK SULLIVAN whose mother, Mrs. E. SULLIVAN, passed away recently...Vacation time is almost here and we hope we will have a lot more news to report when everyone starts touring the countryside.

*- Kay McAlister*

**(Chicago Avenue) -**

With regret we report the passing of EDWARD CRANDALL, the father of Clerk DON CRANDALL. Mr. Crandall was a motorman at Limits Station and a ticket agent before his retirement in 1958. Our sincere condolences to his family...CLARENCE MALOTTKE was in for a visit from Florida. He looked very good and was anxious to return there. I wonder if our weather had anything to do with it?.. SYLVESTER DANECKE also dropped in for a visit...TERRY McANDREWS became a father again. A son, ANTHONY TERRENCE, was born on April 16 weighing 7 pounds 12 ounces. I presume that mother, DOROTHY, is doing quite well, too...MARY ROSE ANDRIACCHI and RICHARD VOLLMAR were married on April 14. She is the daughter of JAMES ANDRIACCHI. For more information, ask Jim... There will be some new faces around the office for awhile. VITO RACANELLI and BILL SHEAHAN are on vacation, and JOE STUDLEY and LUKE HOWE are the acting foremen...CHARLIE KASS didn't show up for work one day because he was in the hospital. They checked up on him, and I guess he still is a puzzle to them. Anyhow, he has now returned to work...Last but not least, I am happy to report that my daughter, CAROLYN, was awarded a $1,000 scholarship to the college of her choice by Universal Oil Products company. She was very happy about this, and so were mom and dad.

*- Ben Nielsen*

**(Blue Island) -**

I received a card from Pensioner BRUNO CZANSTKOWSKI who is honeymooning in Arkansas. Needless to say, he is having a wonderful time enjoying the Ozark scenery...Local 134's retirement dinner for CTA employees was held in March at the Diplomat. A good time was had by all...Our sympathy is extended to the family of AMOS SMITH who passed away in April...GEORGE UNWIN, lineman and former prize fighter, was honored at a retirement breakfast which turned into a knockdown, dragout fight. Promoter BOB BOOTH offered as George's opponent, Fearless FREDDIE DAMROW, who lasted about 30 seconds in the ring before his trainer, JOHN ZANE, threw in the towel. Celebrities among the more than 100 friends who surrounded the ring were: Pensioners J. MICHNICK, T. LANIGAN, A. GABLIN, C. PETERSON, M. BATTISTO, J. SKIRIS, E. BOYLE, W. YOCIUS, W. LOOS and W. SPITZOCK. Representatives from the local Athletic Club were R. SWINDEL and ZIGGY DOBOSIEWICZ. Local 9 was represented by G. SCHMITZ, NICK BURKARD and FRED HINCE. Insurance interests were represented by George's brother, BILL UNWIN. C. KNIEFFER and J. GILHOOLY, former CTA employees, came in to wish George a happy retirement. TOM KLUTH, a former opponent in the ring, was in George's corner giving him advice. George made out better in this fight than his first one. His first professional fight netted him $4, and for this one he collected a $100 savings bond. Cameraman for the instant replay was FRED LUNDE who shot the entire scene without film in the camera...The 26th annual dinner honoring our retiring personnel of the Electrical Department was held on May 5 at Ray Harrington's. The honored guests were: GILTON QUICK, SAMUEL GAFFEN, RALPH JOSSI, RAYMOND SIERS, JOHN FINLAY, WILLIAM HOOVER, ADOLPH KUTZ, ALFRED MARIANE, JOHN HOFFERT, WILLARD LOOS, WILLIAM SPITZOCK, BRUNO CZANSTKOWSKI, GEORGE UNWIN and THEODORE WYNCOTT. Retired guests in attendance, listed in the order that they joined the pensioners ranks, were: A. RADDATZ, J. A. BLOMBERG, A. DOYLE, D. GRIFFIN, J. M. MICHNICK, E. BOYLE, C. W. WOLF, A. GABLIN, C. PETER-

THREE GENERATIONS of the FINLAY family include JOHN Sr., who recently retired from the Electrical Department; his son, JOHN Jr., a lieutenant at Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, and his grandson, JOHN III, who was born March 30.

THIS HAPPY little fellow is one-year old DAVID A. JOGNIA, the son of DAVID and MAUREEN JOGNIA of San Bernardino, California, and the great-nephew of ANN M. GUSICH, Treasury Department.

SON, C. J. BUCK, J. BERNSTEIN, A. G. MORF, J. CONNELLY, G. GRIFFIN, S. S. DANECKE, F. JONES, M. BATTISTO, A. McDERMOTT, W. YOCIUS, J. W. PARKS and J. DARCY. The committee was headed by hard working HAROLD A. COYNE, who really did a marvelous job. The food was excellent, the speeches short, and everyone had a very enjoyable evening.

*- William Rehder*

**ENGINEERING -**

A welcome back to RUSTY RUSAKIEWICZ who has been off sick...ANNETTE HEFTER and her husband, HARRY, took a trip to Israel and Italy. In Israel they visited Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and other cities, and in Italy they visited Rome and Florence. They had good weather and the sights were beautiful. For all well-planned vacations, some things seem to go wrong. Annette and Harry flew to Israel and their luggage flew to Amsterdam. They were without luggage for eight days. This gave Annette an excuse to buy some clothes over there...The new face you see in Engineering is MICHELE ALEXANDER. Michele transferred to us from Property Accounting. Glad to have you with us, Michele...ANDREW R. SCIABBANASI, the stepson of RUSTY RUSAKIEWICZ, is stationed at Ubon, Thailand, as a crew member aboard a C130 gunship of the Air Force, flying missions over the Ho Chi Minh Trail in Vietnam... MARY CATHERINE O'CONNOR, the daughter of JOSEPH O'CONNOR, was married on May 20 to DANIEL McNAMEE at Little Flower church. Our congratulations to the bride and groom...Our congratulations to ART RUDD who is now a rental agent.

**(West Shops) -**

Congratulations to Labor Foreman ROCKY FERRARA and Laborer ANTHONY RAIMONDI for 30 years' service with CTA...MITCHELL JEDNICK, carpenter, is very proud of his son, JEROME, formerly of North Avenue Station. Jerome entered the Navy in March and is now a petty officer in the field of electronics and computers...The welcome mat is out for JEAN REDD, secretary to Mr. MILLONAS. Jean is a charming young lady, loved by all, and on top of all that she is cute, too. Very happy to have you with us, Jean...Congratulations to VERNON KNIGHT who completed his apprenticeship January 28...In the baby department, Master KEVIN was born on March 7 to Mr. and Mrs. DAN BADON. Dan is a laborer at West Shops. Miss CHRISTIANA was born on April 20 to Mr. and Mrs. CHRIS O'BRIEN. Chris is a carpenter at West Shops. Superintendent GEORGE MILLONAS is a proud grandfather. A baby girl was born to his eldest daughter in April. Congratulations to all you proud parents. Babies are wonderful...Friday, May 5, was the day for our annual retirement party which was held at the Peacock Room with 230 people in attendance. The food and refreshments were plentiful. The highlight of the evening was Mr. HALLAHAN's five-piece band. They were superb, but I must tell you about the drummer. Words cannot describe this young man. He played those drums with his whole body and soul. All I can say is that we were very fortunate indeed to have this band play for us...Congratulations to FRED GARDNER on becoming a journeyman plumber. Thanks for the coffee and rolls, Fred.

*- Darlene Jansen & Jennie Scott*

**FOREST GLEN -**

Superintendent VIC JOHNSON is now back at work after being on the sick list for some time. Welcome back...Operator TRYGVE BERG is bragging about the arrival of his 12th grandchild. His son, THOM, became a father for the first time when beautiful MICHELE ALICE was born on April 24. Grandfather, father and the mother, SHARON, are all doing fine. Of course Berg's chest is out another inch, and the cigars were going fast...Operator ART WHITFIELD claims his wife lost 40 pounds, and now GRACE plans on putting a few extra pounds on Art. In case you like to play pool, Art is a pigeon (ha ha)...Superintendent DeWITT was so proud of the safety record set by all the men at Forest Glen, he decided he could now relax out west for a few weeks. He knew his men would still keep up the good work. Enjoy your well-earned rest, Mr. DeWitt...A belated but well-wished happy anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. PAUL BOETTIN who celebrated 30 years of happy life together on April 19. Their lovely daughter, JO ANN, who works in the Mart, says Daddy Paul was really going to live it up with the Mrs.--a big dinner and the works for the evening. By the way, don't ever listen to that big talking bird that the Boettins have, it will talk your head off. Anyway, I've found that Paul will really go a long way to help a friend. Many thanks, buddy...Supervisor WALLY WENTZEL, Jefferson Park, and his child bride (who, by the way, is quite a bit younger than he), just turned in 35 years of togetherness on June 19. Wally plans on a big evening for the Mrs., a drive-in movie and dining at White Castle. No matter what it would be, we know Mrs. Wentzel will be happy. Did you notice that Wally had his hair cut? Boy!..Superman and Superwoman, alias RON and JODY MICKELS, celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary on May 18...Operator R. CLOAD and his wife are the proud parents of their first child born on April 13. She will answer to the name of LISA CORINNE. Mother is doing fine, but father is still a little wobbly...LeROY NELSON, better known as Poopsie, had straight A's for the month of April First his birthday was on the 20th, second 22 years with CTA, and third, on the 26th his 33rd wedding anniversary. To top it off, his lovely young wife's name is ANN. What do you think he did? He took Ann to Michigan to try to pick asparagus. What a thrill that was for poor Mrs. Nelson...Happy to have JOHN MAHNKE back on the job. He certainly is looking fine. The new position does something for him...Happy birthday to a very fine gentleman and friend, CHRIST PANTOS. Christ by the way is the captain of our CTA bowling team, sponsored by Forest Glen credit union, which took

first place this season with the aid of the finest: FRANK PARTIPILO, ANGELO PANTOS, AL POLOWCZYK and JOE POLOWCZYK, the son of Al...Mr. and Mrs. BASGALL celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on April 12. Basgall presented the lovely Mrs. with an organ. Seems as if Basgall wants to take music lessons. . . Happy birthday CLIFFORD LAST. Why did you let Mrs. LAST drive all the way to Florida, and not allow her enough money for a motel? Good thing Mrs. Last had the children to put up the tent at night...Welcome to MURPHY at Forest Glen. Stay away from BARRON, those stories he tells are bad...Recently STANLEY (Whitey) MIKA was put on a diet by his wife. One day Whitey had a can of sauerkraut for lunch. The men couldn't stand him eating the kraut while he drooled watching them eating sandwiches. The boys gave old Whitey a can of beans for lunch the next day, and now his diet has gone down the drain...DARLENE WITKUS, the daughter of Operator BILL WITKUS, passed away on April 10. Our hearts go out to you. May God give you and Mrs. Witkus a hand to guide you through these troubled waters... Pensioner LOU SCHOENFELDT lost his beloved wife on April 24...SPENCER have you been sick? We all miss your smile around the depot...Sergeant CARL L. WISINSKI, the son of Operator and Mrs. HENRY F. WISINSKI, served for 15 months in the 463rd OMS at Clark Air Base in the Philippines. He was sent to Vietnam twice on temporary duty. From the Philippines he was assigned to Dyess AFB, Texas, in the 347th Tactical Airlift Squadron as an aircraft mechanic.

*- W. A. Henry* (Don't call me Willbur)

**GENERAL OFFICE (Treasury) -**

The welcome mat was extended to GENEVIEVE BAGGER, bond ledger clerk, who transferred from the Employment Department, and to Token Clerks MARK FITZPATRICK and TOM MARASOVICH who transferred from Revenue Accounting...We were glad to see ROBERT TUMA, clerk, back to work after a long siege of misfortune by doing a good deed shoveling snow. I guess, Robert, winter doesn't agree with you...Treasurer C. H. GRUBE and his wife drove to Nebraska to visit with their daughter and had rain all the way. Looks like Mr. Grube brought some of that bad weather back with him to Chicago...We would like to extend a belated welcome to JOE CASTRO, token clerk, who transferred from the Accounting Department in February. Sorry we missed you then. He recently returned from a trip to Spain and London where he had a delightful time. Joe is known as the "handsome kid" in the Treasury Department.

**(Insurance) -**

On Saturday, May 6, KATHY MURRAY, stenographer, became Mrs. ANTHONY MULIZIO and honeymooned in Jamaica. . . The welcome mat was extended to BETTY JO JACOBS, clerk-typist, who is temporarily working in the department. . . A correction is being made which was in error in the past issue on MARIE CRAWLEY's name. We had mentioned CROWLEY. Sorry about that...MARJORIE HOLMES, hospitalization clerk, flew to Acapulco for a week and experienced a bull fight which made her dreadfully sick. While there she bumped into "Big Murph" and her husband, RUDY, a bus operator at Forest Glen. . . On Saturday, June 10, CHRISTINE CARLSON, clerk-typist, became Mrs. RICHARD STERNBERG at St. Peter's Lutheran church in Schaumburg, Illinois. She was wed by her father-in-law, Reverend JOHN R. STERNBERG, and an outdoor reception was held on the grounds. They honeymooned in Dallas, Texas, for a week where they attended a Christian Conference, and a week of camping in Colorado...JEANINE GERARD, clerk-typist, together with her girl friend, took a Greyhound bus tour in April to see the Cherry Blossom Festival, but instead, to their surprise, were met with snow and ice. Oh, well, there is always another time. Nothing like frozen cherries as they are not cheap either...ANTONIA (Toni) MISETIC, receptionist, and her husband, CHRIS, electrical worker at Skokie Shops, are on a two-week vacation touring Chicago and Wisconsin with her sister-in-law who came in from Toronto, Canada. A good time is being had by all.

**(Personnel) -**

DON RIESS and his wife spent a week on a Caribbean cruise visiting Trinidad, Venezuela, and St. Thomas with all the meals on the ship. It was a trip that they both will not forget. . . A bouncing baby girl was born on April 6 weighing 7 pounds 1 ounce to SUE HOLZMEISTER, formerly a stenographer. The baby was named DEANNA MARIE...Our sincere condolences to ERVIN HARRIS and his family in the recent death of his father, ERVIN Sr., on May 12. He was laid to rest at Restvale cemetery. . . RAY FLEMING, after his discharge from the army, began his CTA career as a graduate trainee. His first tour of duty was at Forest Park Station where he qualified as a conductor, motorman, switchman and towerman. He also broke in as a clerk and a yard foreman. Ray is now permanently assigned as a training assistant in the department...JOE O'SULLIVAN and his wife spent spring vacation in the Smoky Mountains. Joe says the prettiest part of the trip was the scenery along the Blue Ridge parkway. Spring was in full bloom. While in Lexington, Kentucky, Joe and his wife stayed at the Continental Inn. The governor of Kentucky was there for a political rally...At this writing, KATHY FABRY was still off sick due to an operation. She is at home and doing very well. We are all looking forward to her return to work. PEGGY DUFFY is filling in for Kathy and doing a real good job...ARTY G. HUBACZ, ET 3rd Class, the son of ARTHUR and BERNICE HUBACZ, came home from Waipahu, Hawaii, where he was stationed at the naval communication station. During his month home Arty was married on June 10 to Miss KAREN COBB of Hales Corners, Wisconsin. The happy couple will return to Hawaii for their honeymoon, as Arty's tour of duty there has two more years to run.

**(Research & Planning) -**

As of this writing, F. J. MISEK, supervisor of Research/Planning, is on a lecture-study tour in Europe obtaining some once-in-a-lifetime advanced training as a participant of Carnegie-Mellon university's professional program in Urban Transportation. From the letters Frank has sent to us it sounds as though he's been keeping a very accelerated pace, moving from one city to another. We're looking forward to his return and sure that he'll have many interesting items to report...GEORGE MACAK, BILL GOODWIN and MIKE DALEY have been doing some remodeling around their houses. George has a new side drive; Bill has a new patio and sidewalk, and Mike is diligently working on his porch. They are very proud of their work, and Bill and George are still arguing over who has the best reinforced cement work. Mike's not messing around with that stuff and is using all steel...MARY ELLEN RUSS finally made the big decision and set her wedding date for November 19,

J. M. MARRON
43 Years

F. R. BJORNSON
42 Years

S. MATTES
46 Years

J. LEAHY
45 Years

S. M. BANALS
40 Years

# NEW PENSIONERS

**JOINING THE ranks of the retired during May and June were the five employes pictured here who had 40 or more years of transit service each with CTA and its predecessor companies.**

STANLEY M. BANALS, Janitor,
West Section, Emp. 10-14-31
ALBERT J. BINSTOCK, Compositor,
South Shops, Emp. 11-7-38
FRANKLIN R. BJORNSON, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 11-3-29
ARVID S. BRANDT, Schedule Clerk,
Schedule & Traffic, Emp. 6-16-42
JOSEPH BUCARO, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 12-2-42
CHARLES S. BUZA, Shop Clerk IV,
South Shops, Emp. 9-13-26
JOHN CALLAGHAN, Bus Repairer,
Forest Glen, Emp. 7-10-43
ROBERT W. CHRISTIAN, Superintendent,
Keeler, Emp. 10-15-29
MICHAEL CHUPICH, Bus Repairer,
North Avenue, Emp. 3-13-43
JOHN COYLE, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 6-24-37
RAYMOND C. DAVIDSON, Carpenter A,
South Shops, Emp. 4-28-42
WILLARD A. DIETZ, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 8-31-36
JAMES H. DOWEY, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 10-9-28
WILLIAM GILL, Janitor,
West Section, Emp. 11-2-64
PAUL C. HANSEN, Janitor,
Forest Glen, Emp. 10-12-36
STEPHEN G. HERMAN, Chauffeur,
Util. & Emergency Service, Emp. 8-8-42
ELIOT L. HIRSCH, Training Director,
Training & Public Safety, Emp. 6-7-35
ARTHUR HOFFMANN, Stock Clerk II,
Stores, Emp. 10-8-47
CLARK V. JOHNSON, Supervisor,
Schedule & Traffic, Emp. 1-29-34
JOHN E. JOHNSON, Craneman B,
Stores, Emp. 12-14-36
MARY A. KLUMPP, Ticket Agent,
South Section, Emp. 4-16-47
JACK KOVITZ, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 10-30-45
FRANK V. LASKE, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 5-13-41
JOHN LEAHY, Shopman II,
Skokie Shops, Emp. 6-23-27
GEORGE J. LUKA, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 3-17-44
HARRY J. LUKA, Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 11-28-45
JAMES M. MARRON, Electrical Worker A,
South Shops, Emp. 2-27-29
ZIGMANT MARTIN, Trolley Tender,
Stores, Emp. 9-25-46
GEORGE J. MARTINSON, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 12-17-40
STEPHEN MATTES, Electrical Worker A,
South Shops, Emp. 6-7-26
EDWARD McCALLUM, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 8-29-45
THOMAS J. McGRANE, Ticket Agent,
South Section, Emp. 11-10-36
FRED D. MURBARGER Jr., Chief Clerk,
North Avenue, Emp. 10-15-26
DONALD T. MURPHY, Supervisor,
South District, Emp. 2-28-44
ADOLPH M. OLSON, Carpenter A,
South Shops, Emp. 3-31-42
JOHN PETER, Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 2-11-48
ANTHONY J. POTERACKI, Bus Repairer,
Keeler, Emp. 12-9-36
DANIEL RENO, Laborer,
Engineering, Emp. 10-1-37
THOMAS O. SANSONE, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 5-18-45
JAMES S. SCANLON, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 8-19-42
BERNARD H. SCHOLZ, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 9-1-37
RICHARD STEPHENS, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 5-13-42

LEO SWEIDEL, Trackman 1,
Engineering, Emp. 11-19-45
SAM TROMBINO, Carpenter A,
South Shops, Emp. 2-9-42
JOSEPH J. TVRDIK, Superintendent,
South Section, Emp. 5-22-37
GEORGE A. UNWIN, Lineman,
Electrical, Emp. 4-6-39
GEORGE E. WAGNER, Blacksmith Helper,
Electrical, Emp. 5-16-29
WALTER T. WOJEWODA, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 2-6-43
VERNON L. WOOD, Box Puller,
52nd Street, Emp. 10-1-42
DONALD H. WORCESTER, Supervisor,
Electrical, Emp. 6-29-39
THEODORE WYNCOTT, B Electrician,
Electrical, Emp. 8-15-45

## DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

PRYDE C. FIELDS, Ticket Agent,
South Section, Emp. 3-13-47
WILLIAM E. FORBRICH, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 12-10-40
LEONARD A. GALLE, Chauffeur,
Blue Island, Emp. 5-22-45
HUBERT L. JONES, Janitor,
Lawndale, Emp. 11-1-56
HAROLD N. KING, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 1-9-47
MARY F. McDONOUGH, Stenographer,
North Section, Emp. 10-1-46
LEROY SUTTON, Janitor,
West Section, Emp. 9-11-52

1972. She's been busy running around making a great deal of preparations, and sounds as though she'll be too tired to say "yes" when November 19 rolls along. Happy wedding plans, MER...CHARLEY DROZDA took his wife, MARGARET, out for a night on the town to celebrate her birthday on May 10. Charley and Margaret, along with their friends, danced to the music of the Dick Jurgens orchestra. Charley said it was a real swinging birthday party and his wife looks younger every year...JOAN LISAGOR is driving around in her new green Vega. Joan received a lot of razzing from us because two days after she ordered her car, Chevy announced they were recalling Vegas. Joan's car is OK, though, and we know she'll have a lot of good luck with it...TOM HENNINGSEN and his wife, MILDRED, vacationed in Seminole, Florida, where they visited with their daughter and son-in-law, CAROL and SAM, and grandchildren, MELISSA and DAVID. Tom said he saw JOHN WILLI, former motorman at Howard Street, while vacationing there and said "hello" to him from everyone. Tom said it was great to see the kids again...MIKE DALEY and his wife, SALLY, who are members of the William Ferris Chorale, a choir group conducted by Chicago composer William Ferris, participated in a series of free concerts during the month of May. The group sang various a cappella works, and also featured for their program highlights the Motet from Psalm LI by Brahms, and the cantata, Out of Egypt, by William Ferris...To end the news, BILL GOODWIN, one of the "modest" souls of our department, says his fishing trip to Missouri is going to be a great success and promises a picture of himself with all the fish he's going to catch. We don't think he can even catch an old shoe, but we'll wait and see.

**(Executive) -**

FRAN KNAUTZ, assistant secretary to the Transit Board, is home from the hospital and well on his way to recovery. He wishes to thank his friends and co-workers who sent cards, flowers and messages which contributed to his recovery. We were told by the head nurse (on the QT) that the big card we sent had a room by itself and no charge would be made to his major medical plan.

*- Regina Daren & Eileen Neurauter*

**KEELER -**

Hi fellow "government" employees. Isn't it comforting to know that our great country leans so heavily on us for its support? Doesn't it swell your heart with pride knowing that the powers that be realize that we taxpayers have what it takes--and do they take it...Some more-pleasant examples of give and take are: The fourth wedding anniversary of Operator RODRIGUEZ and his lovely wife, NARCEDALIA, April 4. Operator GEORGE M. MILLER and his wife, EDITH, danced to the music of "Silver Threads Among the Gold." Well, at least the silver points up their 25th anniversary May 24. Here's hopes for a lot of loot for two nice people. Mechanic BILL PATTISON and his wife, MARY, are now hitting on nine cylinders as of May 30, and no tune-up is needed. Our good custodial technician, GEORGE LUENBERGER, and his wife, LORETTA, were guested by their sons to a trip to Plentywood Farms. It was mom and dad's 26th anniversary April 20, hence the trip sponsored by the boys. I can't fail to mention how nice a guy George is. He drove over and picked up our old friend, ZIELKE, and brought him to Keeler to visit with all his old buddies. Zielke has been very ill, and I know this was indeed a treat for him. Sorry I missed Zielke when he was here, I wanted to thank him personally for the nice long letter he sent me. But keep those old cards and letters coming in, Zielke...Maybe I'm a bit biased, but one of my favorite supervisors, LEE OAKS, and his wife are taking a three-week second honeymoon. What isn't bled from them in Las Vegas, will be sweated out of them in California. I just found out that Lee's stepson, DON WILCOX, one of our garagemen, has negotiated a merger with MARGE ACKERMAN on May 13...This scribe will truly miss one of his staunchest fans--namely our just-retired station superintendent, R. W. CHRISTIAN. At the party given for Mr. Christian, a watch presented to him bears the inscription, "To a Great Guy-1972", very simply, but aptly expressed. Among the numerous guests at the party were: Superintendent of Operating Stations GEORGE RILEY, Assistant Superintendent of Operating Stations CARL GIBES, Superintendent of Instruction TOM STIGLIC, BOB QUETSCHKE, Division 241 Secretary-Treasurer JIM PATE and President WARREN SCHOLL, BILL LARSEN, Pensioners ELMER RIEDEL, ED LOUGHRAN, GEORGE MAY, and STANLEY BITEL. Mr. Christian plans to spend most of his time in Sun City with such buddies as EARL PETERSON, JOHN JACOBY and KEN WILLIAMS. Boy, I can see many swinging years ahead for a well-deserving guy...Some fellows who added on another point toward retirement in May were: Operators VARGAS, McCLAIN, DUNKER, BECKER, and KUSEK, a new name to me. I will have to meet him as the name really intrigues me...Birthday greetings to Op-

erator HASSABALLI. Can't forget our box-puller, BEN ZENTMEYER, also a May baby. Ben's been seen in questionable company lately--he's been working with "WHITEY." Happy May greetings to DELARR, the wife of Operator L. HARPER. De, see that hubby gives me more particulars next year. Garageman RICK LEESON remembered that his wife, DIANE, had a birthday May 31, but was smart enough to forget which one...I hope by the time this is in print Mechanic McCABE will be back on the active list...The fellows in the garage are proud of their number two spot in the Surface Garage Competition. They emphasized that they are number two because of a percentage basis involving garage size...We will be missing a familiar face in our garage when Repairman ANTHONY POTERACKI retires this month. Tony has spent the last 35½ years of service at Keeler. Lots of carefree retirement miles, Tony...Before leaving for the sunny clime of Florida, Clerk J. WALTHIER gave me the name of our new acting superintendent. So, folks, say hello to Superintendent R. J. BAKER. Of course a few of the fellows have met Mr. Baker and informed me that he's made a believer out of them. For further information on this subject, speak to Operator PRESSWOOD. Two other operators who have been impressed by the new regime are LAWLOR, who has purchased new and stronger eyeglasses to eliminate the possibility of running hot, and then there's HAMPTON, who assumed the position of softball manager of our Keeler team. A good way to get on the good side of everyone. But to really play it safe in case he is a minute or two late in checking, Hampton has moved to Hammond, Indiana. Rumor has it that Hampton puts out his fishing pole early Monday morning on his way to work, and pulls it in Friday evening on his way home...Instead of ending this column with my usual attempt at wit, I'd like to pay a small tribute to the many lovely ladies who share the title "Mother." God could not be everywhere, so he made mothers. A mother is the only person on earth who can divide her love among ten children and each child still have all her love... Till next time, love.

*- Ernest C. Carter*

**LAWNDALE -**

A word of caution to all bus operators. The summer vacation for the Chicago public school system starts ten days earlier this year. So let's all be a little more on our P's & Q's and watch more carefully...Well the month of April was a trying month for the men of Lawndale as we tried to beat our accident par of 18. We did fall one short, but we still did a splendid job in holding our accidents down. The hard work and extra effort from every man was indeed appreciated by Instructors JOE STEINBACH, DAVE HINMAN and JAMES FULLER, along with Superintendent JACK MORRIS and Assistant Superintendent FRANK VITEK...Operator J. P. McGARVEY just returned from the Mardi Gras in New Orleans. Mac checked on the local bus company and said that there was still one streetcar line there. McGarvey said he really enjoyed himself and was looking for a return visit next year...Superintendent JACK MORRIS, just back from a vacation, was supposed to bring back enough fish to feed the entire station. As of this writing no one has seen anything that resembles a fish. The nearest we can get to that fish is, "You should've seen the one that got away, it was a beauty."..On May 2 Operator and Mrs. ED CELOVSKY celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary, accompanied by their daughter and son-in-law...

ARTY HUBACZ, ET 3rd Class, the son of BERNICE and ART HUBACZ of Training and Public Safety Department, is presently stationed at the naval communications center in Waipahu, Hawaii.

On March 25 Operator TOMMY E. GUMBUS married the former Miss CAROL STEWART. Many years of happiness to Tommy and Carol...Our heartiest congratulations to Operator and Mrs. NAMON BROWN on the recent birth of their son, MARK ALFONSO, born on April 10. We understand that Mark acquired his name from a famous automobile, Mark III...Our sick this month include C. COBURN, who we see occasionally on crutches, G. BROWN Jr. who is recuperating at home now, TONY KASMAN who is also convalescing at home, P. A. MALFESE who is now home from the hospital, and J. L. NECHANICK and J. W. STAHULAK who are also convalescing at home...It was indeed a pleasure not long ago to see smiling Operator JACK SMITH stop by. Jack was really looking very good and says hello to all that he didn't have a chance to see...Our softball team is nearing its first game of the season, and I hope that as many as possible can come out to see the games and support these men as they attempt to bring a championship to Lawndale Station. Members of the team this year are: JAMES BURRIS, BENNY ROGERS, RALPH WILLIAMS, MELVIN SANDERS, GEORGE REEVES, RONALD McINTYRE, RONALD McKNIGHT, ROSEY WRIGHT, JOHN HAWKINS, DONNY HOWARD, JOE JAMISON, GREG CROOM, JOHNNY KING, CHARLIE DAVIS, RONNIE JONES, OLLIE LENOIR, JAMES COLEMAN, JOHNNY COLEMAN, CHARLIE WAIR and WALTER WALKER Jr. Don't forget that we also have a bowling team that bowls each Tuesday night at the Cermak Bowl, 2645 W. Cermak Road at 8 p.m...Instructor JOE STEINBACH was kidding Instructor DAVE HINMAN about how his car never starts. This was really a laugh to Joe. So now I hear that the laughs have spread in the other direction. As Joe Steinbach was about to leave for his vacation, he found that his car wouldn't start. So it looks like Dave had the last laugh. ..Our congratulations are extended to Operator and Mrs. JAMES AUGUSTA who celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary on April 30. Repairman Scheduler and Mrs. JOHN WOJNICKI celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on May 3. Repairman and Mrs. MICK WEAVER celebrated their seventh wedding anniversary on April 19...Operator SAM HARDY just returned from a four-week vacation in the Windy City...Operator JAMES FEARS recently returned from a weekend in Alabama visiting his family...Those birthdaying this month are: R. G. FRENETTE, F. LESZCZYNSKI, L. A. KRAHULA, A. L. TURNER, E. G. WHEAT, W. H. JACKSON, C. CARTER, A. WILSON, L. G. DAWKINS, R. CULLAR, R. L. HUGHES, J. C. JEFFERSON, D. BOWIE, L. L. CLEMONS, W. S. RICKS and W. A. EMBRY...There was a wonderful turnout on April 9 at St.

Patrick's church for the Little Flower Society breakfast. Lawndale was indeed well represented with many pensioners there who we rarely see...Your station reporter is always looking for news and pictures to print in the magazine. So when you have something and you see me just give it to me, or write it out and leave it with the clerk...See you next month.

*- James Marshall*

**LIMITS -**

KANDY SPEERS, the daughter of Operator WILLIAM SPEERS, was united in marriage to Mr. ROBERT CIGRANG on April 29 at St. Sebastian church. A reception was held at Tommy's restaurant, 4256 N. Central for 150 guests. The happy couple honeymooned in Hawaii. Congratulations to this fine couple...Operator ROBERT APITZ was married to a pretty lass by the name of NORA on April 29 at Christ Community church. The reception was held at the Diplomat restaurant, Fullerton and Central Avenues. Congratulations!..JURES GRAUDINS and RONALD GEISHEIMER, the sons of Operators ILMAR GRAUDINS and LOU GEISHEIMER, received their master's degrees from Northeast Illinois university in May. Congratulations to these fine gentlemen... Operator RICHARD STEPHENS and his lovely wife, MARY ELLA, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on May 7. Congratulations to you both and may you have many years of health and happiness. Stephens retired on June 1, and he and his wife are planning to move to Las Vegas, Nevada...ERNEST BUCHWITZ, assistant treasurer of the Limits credit union, underwent surgery but is doing nicely and is well on the road to recovery...Collector ANTHONY CONOVA fell and broke a leg and will be off for some time. He is recovering nicely...OTTO KLINE, who operates a night bus on Ashland Avenue, suffered a heart attack, and JOSEPH CLAY has been in the hospital for over a month. We wish both of these men a speedy recovery... MARTHA MORALES, the wife of Night Foreman JAMIE MORALES, is now working in the Employment Office here at Limits Station. She reports that she likes her work and can also keep an eye on Jamie...Coffee was served to all the men at Limits for keeping our vehicles and passenger accidents to a minimum. This made Instructors HENDERSON and NORTON very happy...Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of ELMER BALFANZ, former superintendent at Limits, who passed away at the age of 88. Pensioner JOSEPH SCHMIDT passed away; the stepfather of HOWARD HOEPPNER passed away, and the mother of Operator BEVELLE passed away. Our sincere sympathy to their families.

*- R. S. Benson*

**LOOP -**

Happy anniversary to CTA Board Chairman MICHAEL CAFFERTY who completed his first year with CTA in May. ..Agent BILL PFIEFFER and his wife celebrated their first anniversary on May 8. They celebrated the day with dinner and a show. They plan to fly to Hawaii in August, with a short stopoff in Los Angeles and San Francisco. Sounds like the Pfieffers are really enjoying married life and we hope they will continue to do so. Congratulations!..Oldtimer FRANK (Speed) MARTIN has returned from St. Petersburg, Florida, to spend the summer in our city. Frank says while in St. Pete he and his former motorman at the old Armitage Depot, JAKE MROZ, attended a party celebrating the 60th wedding anniversary of another CTA pensioner, FRANK WILMAR and his wife, FRANCES. Speed is planning a visit to Lodi, Wisconsin, where his brother, ED MARTIN, and his two sisters reside. Ed did a lot of ice fishing this winter, and Speed can hardly wait to hear his tall fish stories...Agent MARY VIDAS is marking off the days on the calendar and watching vacationtime get closer and closer. Mary says she is beat, worn out, and tired. Hold on, Mary...Janitor CHARLIE RAJEWSKI has been on the sick list and greatly missed by the agents at Irving Park, Pulaski and Belmont on the Kennedy line. We all wish him a speedy recovery and are anxious to see him back on the job...We are happy to say that MARY JO OHNESORGE, KATHERINE McKENNY, and your co-reporter, MARY WIXTED, have recovered from their illness and are back on the job again. DOROTHY FORD is doing very well after eye surgery; also our happy, always-smiling agent, JUNE BAREKMAN, is recovering from eye surgery for the second time. Hurry back, June, we all miss you... Foot Collector VERN NORSTROM hasn't been his smiling self lately. What's up, Vern--income tax? Get back with it... Agent WILBUR STRASSER was hospitalized for a while but is back home now and recovering very well...Retired Agent STANLEY SLOWIK passed through Belmont Station on the Kennedy and asked us to give his best wishes to all his old friends at CTA. Stan looks great and is enjoying his retirement...Retired Janitor LESLIE BYRNES is still asking his old friends to get in touch by mail or phone. He has been unable to walk about for almost a year, and time lays heavy. Contact Janitor MOORE, Lake Street, or SMITTY on the Kennedy for his number. We hope Loop Agent ANN CINCETTI is on the road to recovery after her stay at Presbyterian-St. Luke's hospital...Agent HATTIE ROHR has lost the pep in her step lately. We hope it is only because of the very bad cold she has been suffering from... Many happy and safe miles on the road to Superintendent MICHAEL VELTRI, Jefferson Park, and his wife in their new Buick LeSabre...Foot Collector ART SCOTT (the one with the big Pepsodent smile) celebrated his birthday with a group of good friends on April 27. A good time was had by all, but Art was tired the next day and glad it was his regular day off. Many happy returns to a really nice guy... Chief Clerk JOHN CAROLAN, Jefferson Park, is on vacation and we hope he has a wonderful time. John got off before we could get the details. We will try to get more news on his return...Once again we are losing a good agent to the assignment office. G. B. LOMAX has almost completed her training. We hate to see her go, but wish her the very best of luck in her new position. Don't forget us...Agent C. GAVIN is in training for an office job in the Mart. Best of luck to you, too...Our deepest sympathy to Congress Superintendent JAMES ROBERTS on the recent loss of his father. May he rest in peace... Your co-reporter, MILDRED DOYLE, was really excited on the day her four grandsons were graduated to the first grade. Now her oldest granddaughter, PATTY DEMPSEY, is entering first grade, and LINDA DOYLE, her youngest granddaughter, is entering kindergarten. That makes six down and two to go for our Millie. My how the years speed by. Mildred's co-reporter will go along with that... NANCY WIXTED, the youngest daughter of MARY, was graduated from Mother Theodore Guerin High school in River Grove on May 31, the day after her 18th birthday. Congratulations to Nancy and all the graduates of our CTA people. May the road of life be paved with good luck, health and happiness and all your dreams come true... SHIRLEY B. WILLIS, the daughter of Agent

# JUNE GRADUATES IN CTA FAMILIES

JUDY BONIFAY
B. Bonifay
Electrical

MICHAEL BURRIS
H. Burris
South Shops

JETAUN CORKER
E. Corker
South Shops

DOROTHY DuCREE
K. DuCree
Archer

DONNA ELLIS
F. Ellis
South Section

MARY GARRETT
M. Garrett
South Shops

KATHLEEN GRAYBIEL
G. Graybiel
Purchasing

CYNTHIA IMBRAGUGLIO
M. Imbraguglio
Electrical

THOMAS KALATA
H. Kalata
Beverly

NORA KARIOLICH
A. Kariolich
North Park

BARBARA KOPCZYNSKI
Z. Kopczynski
West Section

ALAN LEWIS
N. Lewis
South Shops

SYLVESTER LOWERY
T. Lowery
Signal Division

DARENE MAIDEN
D. Maiden
South Shops

RICH MAROSE
W. Morose
Electrical

CAROLYN NIELSEN
B. Nielsen
Electrical

LESLIE PAGE
E. Page
South Shops

DON PAUS
R. Paus
South Shops

ROBERT PAUS
R. Paus
South Shops

GLENN PSZCZOLA
S. Pszczolo
South Shops

THERESA RADKE
W. Radke
South Shops

D. J. REED
D. Reed
Electrical

MARY RIGLER
A. Rigler
Electrical

PAULA ROSS
G. Ross
South Section

ANITA SIEBERT
J. Siebert
Storeroom S1

KEVIN SIMMONS
F. Simmons
South Shops

JAMES STAUNTON
W. Staunton
Electrical

JOHN STAUNTON
W. Staunton
Electrical

THERESE SZATKOWSKI
P. Szatkowski
Electrical

NANCY TIMMERMAN
W. Timmerman
Electrical

LITA TOOLIS
J. Toolis
Purchasing

RON TUCEK
L. Tucek
South Shops

PHYLLIS WEBB
W. Webb
South Shops

TOM HAGEN
R. Hagen
South Shops

REJEANA HARRIS
D. Harris
North Section

CAROLYN HOWE
L. Howe
Electrical

THLEEN KOTARA
C. Kotara
Signal Division

NANCY KUCHAN
M. Kuchan
South Shops

LEONARD LANDOR
O. Landor
South Shops

ATHY MAZUREK
S. Mazurek
South Shops

CAROL McBRIDE
J. McBride
Schedule-Traffic

ROBERT McCARTHY
R. McCarthy
Purchasing

ARLA PETERSON
O. Peterson
South Shops

SYBIL POELLNITZ
R. Poellnitz
Utility

DONALD POWELL
D. Powell
Storeroom 32

ANDRA SIMPSON
J. Simpson
Storeroom 61

KAREN SLUZINSKI
S. Sluzinski
South Shops

TONY SPEARS
W. Spears
South Section

WILLIAM WEBB
W. Webb
South Shops

NANCY WIXTED
M. Wixted
Loop

VALERIE WOODS
I. Woods
South Shops

EFFIE ALEXANDER, was graduated from Arkansas State college on May 12. Shirley has decided to make nursing her career and will spend two years in training at St. Bernard's hospital in Arkansas. Good luck...Agent CHESTER GAVIN has rated himself CTA agent of the year. Says Ches, "I really feel that I'm such a good agent I should be rewarded. A trip to Hawaii all expenses paid would be nice." Chester, how humble can you get? Such modesty... In closing we would like to say happy vacationtime to all of you. Let us in on the details, please. In the meantime, keep smiling.

*- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wixted*

**MILWAUKEE, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -**

Well it's that time of year again with everyone preparing for their vacations. We hope everyone enjoys their vacation and got what they wanted...Former Board Member ALEX MUSCATO and his wife celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary on June 1. Congratulations to this wonderful couple. They were up from Florida last June, but had to leave as Alex became ill. He had had a heart attack about two years ago...Agent JOHN TAYLOR, Irving Park, took his five-week vacation on May 21 and went to San Antonio, Texas. He is getting his home ready for when he retires on July 1. We all wish him a long and healthy retirement...E. WILLIAMS will travel to Delland, Florida, on June 18 to visit his family after nine years...Our sincere condolences to the families of GEORGE REZMER whose father passed away; FRED FRIEB who lost his aunt; Pensioned Agent ARLENE SWANSON in the loss of her son, JIMMY, and KATHLEEN McKENNY in the loss of her sister, EILEEN BARAGLIA...We are happy to see MARY WIXTED, SUE MATHEWS, GERALDINE BYRD, KATHLEEN McKENNY and MYRTLE APITZ back to work after their recent illnesses...I heard via the grapevine that EDWARD MITCHELL and his wife went out on the town to celebrate his promotion as relief station superintendent, and had a good time...Everyone at the assignment office thought it was funny when KAREN DOMINO told them she left the water running and her apartment flooded and the apartment below her, until she received the bill from the real estate company. Now they are feeling sorry for her...Your co-reporter, GRACE MOUNTS, and her husband celebrated their eighth wedding anniversary on May 2. Grace celebrated her 13th anniversary with CTA on May 23 by going to the Tulip Festival in Holland, Michigan, and also visited her sisters there...Congratulations to BILL PFEIFFER and his wife who celebrated their first wedding anniversary on May 8...We were sorry to hear that BETTY RUSSO's mother was ill and had to be hospitalized. We hope she has a speedy recovery...We are happy to have GABE BARNES back with us after serving in the army...We are happy to see Janitor FRANK CULL, Jefferson Park, back to work after spending two weeks in the hospital from a beating he received when he was robbed. We sure missed him...Happy birthday and anniversary day to all who had theirs in the month of May.

*- Grace Mounts & Katy Moriarty*

**NORTH AVENUE -**

Operator EDWARD GUNDLACH and his wife, MARGARET, became the proud grandparents of a 2 pound 13 ounce baby boy born to their daughter, MARSHA GRILLO. Ed and

Margaret will celebrate their 32nd wedding anniversary on July 6. Ed will celebrate his 39th(?) birthday July 15...Operator NORMAN GNADT and his better half, LORRAINE, are also happy grandparents. They welcomed their tenth grandchild, TERRENCE, who was born on April 10 weighing 9½ pounds. That makes seven boys and three girls...Operator AARON AMOS and his spouse, CATALINA, celebrated their sixth wedding anniversary on April 5. By way of a celebration, they are planning a South American vacation... Clerk BILL MIEDEMA, Forest Glen, and his wife, JACKIE, will celebrate their June 4 wedding anniversary, and Bill's June 2 birthday with a trip down Dixie way...We were very happy to receive an invitation to the golden wedding celebration of our old and dear friend, Pensioner BERNARD CALLAHAN and his Mrs. On June 11 they will renew their vows in a service at St. Cornelius church followed by a dinner-dance reception at Sokol Community Center. May God bless them and give them many more years together... Superintendent WILLIAM MOSER of Archer was the "papa of the bride" on April 30 when his daughter, KATHLEEN, was wed to JOHN LABAHN at St. John's Lutheran church. The couple spent their honeymoon at Miami and Fort Lauderdale, Florida...South Shops Bus Dispatcher WILLIAM KOSEK and his spouse, STELLA, announced the marriage of their son, KENNETH, to NADINE MORTALL on April 29. Bill plans to spend his three-week vacation at Lake Hamilton, Hot Springs, Arkansas...Supervisor WILLIAM YOUNGLOVE and his wife, MARIE, and daughter, EILEEN, are flying to England, Ireland, and other distant places for vacation...Bus Serviceman JIM RENTSCHLER, North Park, vacationed in Florida. Bus Serviceman EDWARD DOWLING, North Avenue, enjoyed a vacation...We are sorry to report that KATHERINE RICHARDSON, the wife of Operator J. RICHARDSON, is seriously ill in the intensive care unit of Walther Memorial hospital. We hope that by the time you read this she will be well on the road to recovery. ..Operator JOE ROCHOWIAK has been on the sick list... Operator RALPH POTTS, Kedzie, was in Oak Park hospital...Pensioner AL HERMAN says hello to all the gang. He spends his spare time at Portage Park Moose lodge... Courtesy Caravan Club members for February are: B. MURPHY, exceptional courtesy, A. VALENTIN, L. WEAVER (2), H. FIELDS, R. MONTGOMERY, M. SEXTON, and W. GREGORY who also received awards for exceptional courtesy. Good work, men!..Relief Telephone Operator EDWARD MAKOWSKI passed away April 19. Instructor EUGENE DIEDEN lost his mother-in-law, MAY RAYFIELD, on April 15. "There our loved ones dwelleth while eternal ages roll, land of love and beauty, homeland of the soul." We extend our deepest sympathy to these families... Now to the letters from our pensioners. LARS PEARSON is awaiting the warmer weather when crappie fishing starts. He says fishing on the river is always good but the lake is slow. He and his better half, ANNA, send a hello to all. Pensioner NEIL COTTER, Kedzie, is getting settled and is happy in his new home at 517 East Cook street, Portage, Wisconsin 53901. I'm sure letters will be welcome...By the time you read this I should be settled in my new home at 3900 North Pacific avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60634. I have been sorting, packing, and throwing away things I've accumulated over the 32 years I've lived at the old address. Much of it I don't know why I kept, but I'm sure I had a reason at the time.

From The Inner Sanctum: A great big HELLO to everyone! Sorry folks, but the "twin" announcement we promised you has turned out to be a "single." On March 31, Supervisor LAWRENCE OOMENS and his wife, ARLETTE, became the proud parents of SEAN ARTHUR (now that's a good middle name) who weighed in at an even 8 pounds. He has an older brother, LARRY, so that means that Arlette now has three men around the house...A couple who walked down the aisle to the tune of the wedding march was DON WILCOX and MARGE ACKERLUND on May 13. Don is the stepson of Supervisor LEE OAK. It wasn't long after the wedding that Lee and his wife, CONNIE, took off on a second honeymoon to California and Las Vegas. They may not come back with their pockets jingling, but they can say they traveled in style--an air-conditioned Caddie, no less. By the way, Don is a serviceman at Keeler Station...Operator RAY (Motorman) ZIELINSKI and his wife, ADELINE, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on May 2. Sure hope you didn't take her to Union for a ride on streetcar 144! Other anniversaries are: Supervisor ED WOJDYLA and his better half, 26 years, and Instructor ED JURZCAK and his wife, who celebrated their 35th with about 150 friends and relatives, but do you know that was last January 23. Sure glad you told us about it before your next one came along...Another wedding that took place on April 21 was that of Operator L. JACKSON. He claims he spent the next day painting their new pad...Supervisor JIM DOHONEY spent a very colorful vacation recently. His wife picked out the colors and he did the painting of their new home. We wish you a lot of luck in your new abode and welcome you to the "Home Owners Club."..Supervisor LESLIE PEASE and his wife recently became the neighbors of Operator RUDY NEURAUTER of Forest Glen, and his wife EILEEN. She's that real swell gal down in Public Information...We're going to miss two of our better custodians, JOHN (Maverick) MARACEK and JOHN NOLAN, when they go to the school and Limits Station, respectively. With Maracek gone it's going to be awfully, awfully quiet. Good luck to both of you. By now we hope that Nolan is up and around again after having been on the sick list...Supervisors ED HOFF and OWEN BOOTHROYD are mighty happy being in District "C". They came here from District "D". By now we should be able to pick some of those vegetables that Owen planted in his yard in the spring...Operator AL JACQUES has fully recovered from his recent illness. This must be from the good nursing he received from his wife, ELEANOR. That gal's eyes just sparkle whenever she's with Al...We sure had some great birthday cakes around the office recently, thanks to the following fellows: F. PASCHE, E. KOCIENSKI, F. MURBARGER, and E. JURZCAK. We didn't get any goodies, but congratulations to

THIS LOVELY young lady is CARMELLA SPIZZIRRI, the daughter of Carpenter SAM SPIZZIRRI, West Shops, who was one of the ten finalists in the 41st annual "Hello Charley" contest at Western Electric's Howthorne Works.

Supervisor MIKE LYONS of Central District...That new information clerk in the General Office is none other than LOU TROKEN of Forest Glen...Two recent retirees were Superintendent ROBERT CHRISTIAN, Keeler, and our own chief clerk, FRED MURBARGER. Good luck to both of you, and it goes without saying, that our office just won't be the same without Fred being around...There's only one difference in the new cars that Superintendent ART TABEL and Clerk AL ROHDE have. Al's has an "automatic pilot"--Chicago to Elkhorn, Wisconsin...Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the families of Switchboard Operator ED MAKOWSKI and Pensioner S. CAROLAN. Also to Clerk ED WITEK in the death of his father-in-law, District Superintendent VIC LAULETTA in the loss of his brother, and to Supervisor JOHN HOFF whose mother-in-law, ELIZABETH CARR, passed away...My wife and I are very disappointed that we didn't get to baby sit with Clerk TOM HICKEY's grandson. We sure would have enjoyed it, although he would have been spoiled rotten by the time his mom and dad got him back again. Sure hope they were successful in finding a new place to live in Rochester, New York...See you all purty soon!

*- William Miedema & Walter Blix*

**NORTH PARK -**

Coffee and rolls were served on Wednesday, April 12, when North Park personnel received a safety plaque for their part in making 1971 CTA's safest year ever. Superintendents JOHNSON, BRODD and PARNUM, along with our fine instruction force, thank everyone for their continued efforts to better our safe driving record...Remember the date--Monday, July 17. The event is the annual Division 241 golf day at St. Andrew's Golf Club. Golf, dinner and prizes for all are on the agenda, so make your reservations now for this big day...Pensioner LE ROY PEDERSEN and his wife, BERNICE, vacationed in Florida and Nassau. Highlights of the trip were visits to Disney World, fishing off Key West, and a stop at the home of Le Roy's sister in North Carolina...LARRY SHIELDS, former North Park operator now working in the Mart, and his wife, GRAYCE, enjoyed their annual vacation in Florida where they visited with their many friends and renewed old acquaintances...Pensioner WALTER LINDEMAN and his wife, ELEANOR, have moved from the area of Antioch, Illinois, and are now living in Florida. Walter's new address is: Rt. A2-C-20, Dunnellon, Florida 32630, phone number (904) 489-4037. Walter and Eleanor invite their many friends to stop by and enjoy a visit with them...Pensioner AL REMACK and his wife, DOROTHY, are on the go again. This time they are vacationing in Mexico, visiting Guadlajara, Guanajuato, Morelia, San Jose, Purna, Taxco, Acapulco, Mexico City and taking a flight to Merida. The Remacks are one of our many fine pension families who are traveling and enjoying life to the hilt...Pensioner GEORGE VOIGHT and his wife, BEA, who are residing in Arizona, were recent visitors in Chicago. They saw George's daughter, Mrs. DEANNA KLUGE of Highland Park. George spent a few hours at the depot and was a busy bee greeting his many friends...Pensioner ELMER KNUDSON was a recent visitor at North Park and reports that he was in an automobile accident which left him with a permanent disability to his left leg...The daughters of Operator ROGER AYOTTE and his wife, HELEN, competed in the 32nd Illinois Associated Band Activities contest held March 19 and 20 at the Arlington Park hotel. DEBORAH, age 12, won third place at the piano and first place at the organ; MONICA, age eight, won a second place trophy at the organ...Operator DAVID BENSON and his wife, JACQUELINE, have purchased a new home at 4435 N. Avers Avenue, and moved in on June 1. David, whose father, ROBERT, is the Transit News reporter at Limits Station, will announce the date for the open house soon...Your reporter, MELVIN HORNING, and his wife, VIOLET, have a new address--5462 N. Natoma Avenue--as of June 1. I will appreciate any cards or letters at the new address...Operator HAROLD JULITZ and his wife, ANN, became grandparents twice within three weeks when their son, BRUCE, and his wife, SHIRLEY, became parents of a daughter named CHRISTINE LYNN, born February 21 at Resurrection hospital weighing 6 pounds 13 ounces. Their other son, RICHARD, and his wife, PATRICIA, became parents of a daughter named DAWN MARIE born March 14, weighing 8 pounds 13 ounces, also at Resurrection...Operator ELI PESTINE and his wife, RUTH, became grandparents for the fourth time when their son, HARVEY, and his wife, GAIL, became parents of a daughter, CARRIE ROBYN, born on April 14 at Skokie Valley hospital weighing 7 pounds 8 ounces. Carrie is their second child...Operator HAROLD DOWEY retired on May 1 after 43 years of service with the Motor Coach and CTA. Harold, who was the darling of the Lunt-Touhy passengers, is going to relax and do the many things that he has never had time to do before. ..Operator TOM SANSONE retired on May 1 after 27 years of service. Tom and his wife are now thinking of moving to that home on Route 65 in Missouri where he can fish, hunt and raise his beautiful poodles.

Repair Department Chit Chat: NORA KARIOLICH, the daughter of Assistant Foreman ANDY KARIOLICH, who was graduated in the first ten of her class at Butler university in Indianapolis, Indiana, will marry RICHARD ACKERT in St. Peter's Catholic church in Skokie on June 24. The reception will be held at the Glenview Country House. The young couple will reside in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where Richard is a medical student...Mrs. TESS SIBLEY, the wife of Repairman FRANK SIBLEY, was hospitalized at North Lake hospital in Melrose Park, Illinois, for foot surgery. At this writing she is convalescing satisfactorily...Foreman PHIL O'CONNOR wishes to thank his personnel for their cooperation in winning the first quarter award in the safety contest. Coffee and rolls were served on May 9 for the occasion...Repairman PAUL SCHREVES was presented with an autographed bat by BILL MELTON of the White Sox at a banquet attended by the White Sox players...On vacations at this time are Repairmen GENE BRACH, FRANK SCHENDL, FRANK SIBLEY and PAUL SCHREVES, and Servicemen BILL STAUNTON and EDWARD OLENDER...The welcome mat is extended to Repairman J. PECORARO and Servicemen J. HOTTAT and R. NIXON...BOB VANDENMIER Jr. is a bus repairman trainee...Sympathy and condolences of the garage are extended to GARY WITKUS in the loss of his sister, Miss DARLENE WITKUS, and to the family of Pensioner CHARLES WINZENHOLLER. Our sympathy and condolences to Operator SAM POSNER in the loss of his brother, LESTER...Happy anniversaries are extended to: Pensioner BEN GEACH and his wife, RUTH, their 41st; Pensioner JOE GRASSL and his wife, FLORENCE, their 50th; LARRY SHIELDS and his wife, GRAYCE, their 34th; Bus Handler JIM RENTSCHLER and his wife, HAZEL, their 32nd; Operator BERNIE KONIARSKI and his wife, GERTRUDE, their 25th; Operator MARVIN SALMANOFF and his wife, ETHELYN, their 7th; Operator RICHARD HALLIGAN and his wife, JO, their 27th;

Supervisor RON MICKELS and his wife, JOANN, their 15th, and Operator CHARLES SAUER and his wife, DESELLE, their 22nd...Happy birthdays are extended to: Pensioners LOUIS SCHWARTZ and JOE EIFFES, Operators LE ROY CONKLIN, HAROLD JULITZ, TEX RHIMES, SAM POSNER and ADOLPH JENDRYZKI, DAN KAZAR, ETHEL POSNER, MARTIN STERN, BETHEL KIRKWOOD, ROSALEEN DOLAN, HEIDI PESTINE, BETH MILSPEIN, VIOLET HORNING, DANIEL KALATA and Operator CHESTER OLENSKI.

*- Melvin Horning*

**NORTH SECTION -**

Congratulations to Motorman RICHARD WHITE and his wife, DORA, on the birth of their first baby, a boy named DESMOND ANDRE. The little fellow weighed in at 8 pounds 1 ounce...Motorman JOHN ANDERSON had a week's vacation which started April 30, and John said he was just going to sit around and do nothing but get in the way at home. On June 2, John and his wife celebrated their 38th year of marriage. Congratulations to them both, and may they have many more years of happiness...Congratulations to Superintendent BILL LIMANOWSKI and his wife, JEAN, on their 25th wedding anniversary. Their children had a surprise celebration party for them. Their son, RICHARD, will graduate on June 27 from Quigley North, and will attend Circle Campus in the fall...Clerk RIC LANGLOIS and his family enjoyed a week's vacation touring Southern Illinois, taking in the sights on the Lincoln Trail, visiting the Tomb, the State Capitol, Dixon Mounds Indian Excavations, and Mark Twain's homestead in Hannibal, Missouri, driving along the river road to Galena, Illinois...Farewell and best wishes to FLORENCE McDONOUGH on her retirement from CTA as secretary-typist at the Howard Street office. May she have many years of retirement happiness. Congratulations to MARY GALLON who replaced Florence as the new secretary-typist...Welcome back to Student Agent CLIFF HINTON. Cliff was formerly a student agent on the West Side before leaving to serve in the U.S. Army. After his discharge he resumed his education and is now a North Side agent. Also, welcome to JOHN CASEY. John retired from the police force and found idleness not to his liking. We also welcome LINDA LINDSEY, MIKE SLOAN, and RAY SCHILD. Mike's aunt works in the Accounting Department. ..Agent ED PLATH is still on the sick list. MARY DONOHUE has returned to work. Agent DORIS BARTHEN is still on the sick list and is now out of the hospital and recuperating at home...Agent MINNA KING was in St. Petersburg, Florida, to visit her parents. While she was there, her aunt and uncle flew in from Denmark, and returned to Chicago and will visit with Minna...Birthday greetings to the following: Agents HELEN HANSEN, SAL SCURTI, CHARLIE MAE GRIFFIN, SARA SIMMONS, BETTY FIFE, LOLA DuCREE, DOROTHY MILLONETTO and ROSE McANDREWS. Your scribe also put another candle on the cake. Birthday greetings also to Janitors THOMAS CAMERON and JOHN BONNER.

*- Tina Henke*

**PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -**

Summertime is approaching, and many of you are probably making plans for your vacations. We hope that all of you have funfilled, safe vacations. When you return give us the details so that everyone can share in the good times you had...Now With The News! A big hello is extended to JOAN THOMAS, Stores, who is back with us. Welcome back, Joan. . . Congratulations are in order for the following: PRISCILLA KAMRADT, Stores, whose husband, LEN, was graduated from the Tool and Die Institute on May 15; LITA SUSAN TOOLIS, the daughter of JIM TOOLIS, Purchasing, who was graduated from St. Ethelreda Grammar school. Lita will attend Queen of Peace High school in September. NANCY SIEJA, the daughter of BILL SIEJA, Stores, who became a National Honor Society member at Thornton Fractional North High school where she is a junior. Bill also tells us that his son, GREG, received a superior medal in the School District 215 music contest. Greg plays the clarinet. SANDRA L. SIMPSON, the daughter of JOSEPH F. SIMPSON, stock clerk I, who was graduated from Mount Holyoke college on May 28. Sandra will be the Class of '72 representative and present the state of the college address during commencement week. Sandra plans to attend Northwestern university law school in the fall. She eventually plans to practice in Chicago. GABRIELLE SUSAN POWELL, the daughter of DON POWELL, Stores, has taken her first steps at the age of eight months, and ANITA SIEBERT, the daughter of JOHN SIEBERT, Stores, who was graduated from Maria High school. Congratulations to all of you!.. ART HOFFMAN and ZIGMANT (Ziggy) MARTIN retired on May 1 from the Stores Department. After 26 years of service, Ziggy was presented a gift by his co-workers, and after 25 years of service Art also received a gift from his fellow workers. A long, happy and healthy retirement is wished to both of you...DENNIS KUHN, Stores, spent a two-week vacation in Las Vegas. While there he saw all the sights including the shows and the girls. The rest of the time he was spending his money at the gambling tables... HANK BRANDENBURG bought a new 1972 Ford Grand Torino during his vacation...A warm welcome to South Shops is extended to RICHARD WEATHERSBY from Storeroom 42 and JAMES RILEY. Both are stock clerk I's.

*- Cecilia Trucco & John Gill*

**OPERATIONS (Transportation) -**

BRUNO and STELLA GORSKI celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary by flying to Puerto Rico with their daughter, LYNDA. After spending seven days in San Juan, they went to St. Thomas for one day. Bruno said he couldn't afford to stay there more than one day because of all the shopping his wife and daughter did. The temperature ranged between 72 and 92 degrees every day. They had a wonderful time... RAY DAGENAIS and his wife, SYLVIA, drove to Arizona and Las Vegas for their vacation. While in Arizona they visited with MARY ROACH, EARL PETERSON, JAKE JACOBY, KEN WILLIAMS and JOE GASKI. They also met District Superintendent EDWARD NOVAK and his wife, MARGARET, and all the vacationers got together for dinner. It was on to Las Vegas for a few days of fun, entertainment and being able to break about even. The weather was beautiful and they had a good time... CARL LARSEN and his wife drove to Sarasota, Florida, and then went down to Fort Lauderdale. They took life easy, relaxed in the sun and enjoyed the beautiful weather. On the way home they stopped at Disney World to take in the sights. They also stopped at Indianapolis, where Carl said he drove around the track...Your scribe, COLETTE, flew to Florida for a vacation of relaxation. Needless to say, I stayed at the little white house of JACK and WANDA KRAUSE in North Miami. I spent a lot of time with friends

## RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYES

PETER A. BEREN, 72, 69th Street,
Emp. 11-2-26, Died 3-4-72
ROBERT L. BURNS, 42, 52nd Street,
Emp. 3-19-53, Died 7-6-71
JOHN A. CARLSON, 75, 69th Street,
Emp. 6-12-29, Died 3-7-72
BERNARD J. COGAN, 64, 77th Street,
Emp. 10-31-33, Died 3-15-72
MILES D. COLEMAN, 73, Forest Glen,
Emp. 8-13-21, Died 3-3-72
GAETANO COLLURA, 82, Way & Structures,
Emp. 5-17-26, Died 3-21-72
BEN CUTRERA, 66, Stores,
Emp. 5-24-41, Died 3-17-72
RICHARD A. DAVIS, 81, Way & Structures,
Emp. 2-5-26, Died 3-9-72
HENRY DILLON, 84, District C,
Emp. 3-6-13, Died 3-8-72
LEO E. DREYER, 68, Skokie Shops,
Emp. 8-10-42, Died 3-4-72
JAMES A. FELZ, 76, North Avenue,
Emp. 3-8-23, Died 3-22-72
EUGENE S. GASKIN, 69, Forest Glen,
Emp. 10-17-27, Died 3-2-72
ALBERT J. GLUECKERT, 65, Medical,
Emp. 11-1-33, Died 3-9-72
EDWARD J. GONET, 59, Kedzie,
Emp. 6-29-45, Died 5-14-72
HERMAN E. JAMES, 67, Research/Planning,
Emp. 10-20-33, Died 4-2-72
SIXTON L. JOHNSON, 81, 77th Street,
Emp. 4-8-15, Died 3-23-72
WILLIAM JORDAN, 86, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 7-13-23, Died 2-3-72
WALTER H. KERBS, 63, Archer,
Emp. 1-3-44, Died 3-9-72
DIMITRIOS KIRDUSIS, 85, Archer,
Emp. 1-19-23, Died 11-22-71
CLIFFORD H. KNOESS, 81, Devon,
Emp. 2-21-13, Died 3-30-72
JOHN W. LARKIN, 59, Schedule & Traffic,
Emp. 3-29-48, Died 5-15-72
GRACE LEBEL, 75, West Section,
Emp. 5-17-43, Died 3-31-72
JAMES J. LOUGHRAN, 75, Devon,
Emp. 6-22-25, Died 2-12-72
PHILIP LUCAS, 67, West Section,
Emp. 1-19-27, Died 3-5-72
EDWARD MAKOWSKI, 46, North Avenue,
Emp. 1-16-58, Died 4-19-72
MATHIAS M. MATTES, 80, West Section,
Emp. 3-21-44, Died 3-7-72
DENNIS McGRATH, 73, Construction & Maint.,
Emp. 10-17-30, Died 3-18-72
ERVIN MORRENZIN, 57, West Section,
Emp. 2-24-48, Died 3-17-72
CHARLES J. MULBRANDON, 65, Electrical,
Emp. 12-14-42, Died 3-8-72
FRANK J. MUNDT, 77, North Avenue,
Emp. 7-28-27, Died 3-25-72
JOHN J. MURPHY, 80, 77th Street,
Emp. 12-28-18, Died 3-22-72
PATRICK J. NAGLE, 77, 69th Street,
Emp. 10-24-22, Died 3-6-72
CHARLES R. POTTER, 71, Way & Structures,
Emp. 2-12-30, Died 4-1-72
JOHN PROVENZA, 62, South Shops,
Emp. 4-5-43, Died 5-11-72
WILLIAM RISINGER, 73, North Section,
Emp. 10-11-45, Died 3-18-72
JOSEPH G. ROSS, 87, North Avenue,
Emp. 7-9-18, Died 3-13-72
JOSEPH A. ROSSBACH, 63, District A,
Emp. 1-27-34, Died 3-28-72
STANLEY J. SHUMOWSKY, 75, Skokie Shops,
Emp. 4-9-18, Died 3-4-72
SARA H. SIMMONS, 77, West Section,
Emp. 1-4-27, Died 3-26-72
FRED R. STOEHRMAN, 66, Kimball,
Emp. 5-5-26, Died 3-8-72
FRANCIS STRUNK, 82, 69th Street,
Emp. 4-2-18, Died 3-18-72
CLAUS TREDE, 86, 77th Street,
Emp. 10-11-13, Died 3-16-72
SAM VIDAS, 82, Way & Structures,
Emp. 3-16-29, Died 3-22-72
HARVEY G. WILLIAMS, 58, Skokie Shops,
Emp. 7-25-36, Died 5-16-72
WALTER YEDINAK, 52, Office Services,
Emp. 2-2-50, Died 5-19-72
JOSEPH F. ZICH, 75, West Shops,
Emp. 5-27-24, Died 3-25-72
ROY C. ZODY, 84, 77th Street,
Emp. 2-22-12, Died 3-14-72

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and even met LILLIAN and GEORGE PELLICORE and ART and AUDREY STAHL. We went to a lot of nice places for dinner, and of course, wouldn't miss going to the Viking restaurant for an evening of dancing. The weather was ideal as the temperature was in the mid 80's. The swimming was great, but the fishing even greater. I caught some nice fish, but the most excitement came when I hooked a sailfish. I didn't bring it in, but I'm coming closer to getting one. All in all it was a wonderful vacation, but much too short. Will I go back and try to get that sailfish? Definitely! So keep my room ready...On May 3, JAMES and ANN BLAA celebrated their silver wedding anniversary. Mass was said for them on May 6, the same day they had a party at their home which was attended by many of their friends and relatives. It looked like wall to wall people. Jim's parents flew here from Florida to be present for the occasion. Congratulations on reaching the 25-year mark and best wishes...May 6 was the day for the annual CTA General Office spring golf tournament. The foursome of WARD CHAMBERLAIN, DON LEMM, MIKE CUSACK and JESSIE RODRIGUEZ were either very good or very lucky, as they won three of the first four prizes. I don't know how true it is, but I heard that Ward won first prize because of the new golf shoes he was wearing. They must have shot a fine game, because the foursome following them, TOM STIGLIC, CARL GIBES, WALTER PROSEN and FRANK WSOL, said it sure took them long enough to study their shots, finish swinging their practice shots and get around the course. It was a beautiful day and everyone had a good time. Congratulations to all the winners...On

Sunday, April 30, Mrs. MABEL STAHL passed away as a result of an automobile accident. Mrs. Stahl was the sister of ART ROEPKE, radio dispatcher, and the sister-in-law of ART STAHL, retired superintendent of security operations. We extend our sympathy to both families...We would also like to extend our condolences to the family of WILLIAM CALDERWOOD, retired superintendent of Forest Glen Station, who passed away on May 6.

**(Transportation Instruction) -**

JIM and ANN LAHEY celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on May 3. Two days later, their children threw a surprise party for them at Patricia's restaurant. I think it was more like a shock when they walked in and saw all their friends and relatives there. From what I heard, everyone had a good time. Congratulations and many more years of happiness... RAY and DOROTHY PRYOR, along with TOM and ALICE SPRATT drove to Colorado Springs where they stopped and went through the Air Force Academy. They continued on to the Grand Canyon, stopping at Las Vegas where they saw a number of shows. I heard that Ray wasn't too lucky, but his wife left there just a little bit ahead. It was on to San Francisco and a ride on the cable car, dinner at the Shadows restaurant, and a few days of sightseeing. Los Angeles was next for tours and, of course, a stop at Disneyland. After driving around there Ray said that you can have their freeways. The weather was beautiful and they all had a very good time. They returned to Chicago on a beautiful new DC-10 which they enjoyed very much... On April 8, Senior Station Instructor RAYMOND TREZISE became a grandfather for the first time. He very proudly announced the birth of his grandson, ANTHONY, who weighed 7 pounds 12 ounces. The happy parents are LORRAINE and RAYMOND TREZISE Jr. Congratulations to the whole family.

**(Utility and Emergency Service) -**

On May 1 we lost two more good men. Emergency Line Truck Chauffeur STEPHEN G. HERMAN began his retirement after 29½ years of service, and Service Truck Chauffeur LEONARD GALLE retired with almost 27 years of service. Their friends gathered on April 26 to say goodbye and wish them well. Other pensioners were among the well-wishers. Congratulations and best of luck for a long and happy retirement...BILL BALDYGA recently returned to work after spending two weeks on jury duty at the Criminal Court...TONY CANDELA vacationed in California. He says he had a wonderful time while staying with his daughter who lives there... We received a card from JACK O'REILLY. He says that Florida is heaven and he is enjoying every minute of his retirement, but he will visit Chicago sometime in July...Our sympathy is extended to HEULON MACKEY whose father recently passed away, and to RON MENDYK whose mother passed away...We would like to welcome P. J. ZIGMANT, service truck chauffeur, who recently transferred to our department from Shops & Equipment. Good luck in your new job.

RETIRING FOR the second time in his life, GEORGE A. UNWIN ended his transit career May 1 after 33 years of service. He had previously retired from his career in the ring in 1933, where he fought under the name of George Kerwin. After winning 21 straight fights and the Central AAU featherweight and lightweight titles, George become a professional fighter in 1928. He left the ring with 60 wins and 10 losses, a record anyone could be proud of. George joined the Chicago Surface Lines on April 6, 1939, and served as a linemen in the Electrical Department until his retirement.

**(Traffic Planning) -**

On Saturday, May 13, ROSE, the mother of VINCE DONOHUE, passed away. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Vince and his family.

*- Colette Syczepanek*

**RAPID TRANSIT MAINTENANCE TERMINALS -**

Best wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to Mrs. CHIAPPETTA, the wife of F. CHIAPPETTA, Forest Park, who is in the hospital...Congratulations to STAN BACHLEDA who flew to Czechoslovakia on May 11 to be married. Best wishes for many years of happiness to Stan and his new bride...Good luck to DON SANDUK on the purchase of a new home in St. Charles, Illinois...Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. C. NELSON, Dan Ryan, on their 20th wedding anniversary. A party in their honor was held at Hersey Fireside lounge, and among their many friends were Mr. and Mrs. F. PICKETT... A hearty welcome from all the old timers at Dan Ryan to J. ARMSTRONG, L. FIELDS, R. LACEY and C. WILLIAMS... A round of applause for J. J. MOLLOY who is doing a wonderful job as substitute foreman at Dan Ryan while MATT COYLE is on vacation...Congratulations to all the men at Kimball on winning the safety award for this period. Formal presentation was made on May 12 and celebrated with coffee and rolls...Back to work after two weeks of hard work around the house is A. ODROWSKI...J. RANDAZZO, Forest Park, spent his vacation visiting relatives in New York...City sights and hard work were vacation pastimes for S. RITA, W. JOHNSON, L. REYES and H. SESTAK, Forest Park...The perennial meeting of the young and old on the baseball field was held again this year on April 28 at Miller woods. This time the youngsters walked off with a win of 24 to 12, and everyone walked away with aches and pains.

*- Ray Brzeczek*

**SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -**

PATRICK LENIHAN, traffic checker, retired on March 31. We wish Pat good luck, health, and a happy retirement. ..BILL WORCESTER and his wife flew to the Hawaiian Islands and had a very enjoyable trip. It was the first trip for his wife out of the continental United States, and first time on an airliner. This is the most beautiful place in the United States, they said, and want to return again... JOE VIOLA had surgery and is recuperating at home...We are sorry to report that JOE SABOL suffered a heart attack and is now in Mount Sinai hospital. We are also afraid that he is busy causing the cute nurses heart attacks. FRED KAHLFELDT, traffic checker, is also in the hospital with a heart attack. We wish them a speedy recovery. ..WALTER SCHWEINFURTH is now back to work after a spell of illness...We received a letter from Pensioner JAY KELLY, and he says he and his wife are very happy at Sun

City, Arizona, and enjoying their retirement. . . CLARK JOHNSON retired on May 1 after 38 years of service. Clark started as a motorman at the old Lincoln Station. On December 1, 1942, he transferred to the Schedule Department as a traffic clerk. He was then promoted to schedule clerk, supervisor of schedule clerks, and schedule maker. Happy retirement and good luck, Clark. . . KAY BATINA, your scribe, took a mini-vacation and attended the Catholic War Veterans Auxiliary convention in Springfield...The Schedule Department extends sympathy to the family of ED HILL, retired schedule clerk, who recently passed away.

*- Kathryn Batina*

**SKOKIE SHOPS -**

RALPH KEMPE, Machine Shop foreman, bought his wife, NORMA, a 1972 Pontiac Ventura for Easter. Nice talking, Norma, and hope you enjoy many rides...GEORGE KIMMSKE, carpenter, and his wife, FRANCES, are the proud grandparents of their thirteenth grandchild, THERESA MARIE ZAHURONES...STEPHEN PLASZEZEWSKI, shopman II, and his wife are the happy grandparents of GARRETT STEPHEN BOERSMA, born on April 11. The parents are BONITA and CLARENCE BOERSMA. Good luck to the three of you...VITO PONTRELLI, electrical worker, and his family suffered the loss of his father. Our deepest sympathy, Vito...FRED FEINENDEGEN, retired electrical foreman, Wiring Department, suffered the loss of his wife. Our sympathy, Fred...JOHN LEAHY, shopman II, retired on April 30 after 45 years of service. Lots of happiness for many years, John, we will miss you...Your scribe, EVERETT E. ENGLAND, was lucky enough to be on the CTA bowling team that won first place for their sponsor, Berry Bearing company. The teammates that carried me all year are: W. ONYSIO, A. COLI, J. ROMBOUT, G. WILSON and T. NADROWSKI. They all say I'm not heavy, just one of the team...Clerk CATHERINE ANN HEGARTY, Skokie Shops, is the proud aunt of a little boy named MARTIN THOMAS WARD. The father, JAMES WARD, is a garage foreman for CTA, and the mother, the former JOAN HARNETT, is a past employee of West Shops. Lots of happiness and luck with your wonderful family...LUISE DOERING, the wife of the late HEINZ DOERING, superintendent of rapid transit shops and terminals, is going to Austria, to visit her two brothers and their families. A happy and pleasant trip, Luise. Our sympathy in the loss of your brother in Austria before your trip. . . Skokie Shops third annual picnic will be on Saturday, July 22, at Northwestern woods. Be sure to contact your area representative for tickets.

*- Everett E. England*

**SOUTH SECTION -**

Finally spring has sprung and I for one am glad to see the warm weather...All our CTAers are going great guns. The year 1971 was CTA's safest ever, and in honor of this achievement ballpoint pens were issued to the ladies and tie clasps were issued to the men. Coffee and rolls were served at all the terminals. This makes two safest years in a row. All three of our terminals have broken records, too. Ashland beat their accident par for the first three months of 1972, and also for the first quarter had more commendations than complaints and had coffee and rolls served again. Then 61st Street broke their accident par for the first three months of 1972 and had free coffee. Then the Dan Ryan Terminal had their safest year also in 1971 and had coffee served. I'm so proud of our South Siders. Keep up the good work men...We can call Conductor NEIL SULLIVAN "grandpa" now. His son, DAVID, and his wife had a little baby boy named JASON on April 10. This is the first grandchild for the elated Sullivan family... Congratulations to Motorman BERNARD PERRY who was appointed supervisor on April 2...Retired Yard Foreman JOHN LEMKE was in the hospital recently for an operation, but is home now recuperating and is out and around and feeling better...Congratulations to Agent CORRINE DALMAS and her husband, GEORGE, a bus driver out of 77th Street, on their 15th wedding anniversary April 21...Hello to WILLIE SMITH who transferred from the buses and is now a conductor, to newly-hired Conductor KENNETH DOSS, and newly-hired Janitors JOHN MURRAY and CLARENCE HURD. . . Heard that Pensioner CHARLES FRANK passed away recently. He was such a good agent and a gentleman. Our condolences to his family. . . Conductor JAMES ROBERTS is to be congratulated for qualifying as a clerk recently, and is now working as an extra clerk... Wonderful, wonderful! Several of our employees who were on the sick list for quite some time are now back working: Motormen JESSE STOUDMIRE and WILLIAM PAYNE, Conductor FRANK PONZIANO, Clerk ELIJAH SMITH, and Foot Collector EMANUEL FITZPATRICK...Retired Assignment Agent ROSE HEIDENBLUT was very happy and proud when her granddaughter, KATHY WOLF, was married to DANIEL PROKOP on April 15 at St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran church. The reception was held at the American Legion hall in Mt. Greenwood. My hubby and I attended the wedding and reception, and so did Retired Assignment Agent LULU HAMANN, Retired Supervisor ED MONRO, and KATE and JOHN BURNS, former president of Division 308. ..Our sincere sympathy is extended to Towerman IRVING RAMEY whose father passed away; to Conductor SAMUEL POLLOCK in the loss of his father; to Instructor WILLIE MANN in the loss of his brother, and to Retired Towerman PATRICK HICKEY whose sister passed away recently... Retired Conductor JOSEPH MASCOLINO was in the hospital recently but is home now. Hope your health returns real soon, Joe...The Agent's Pension club held their spring dinner and get-together on April 23 at Sharko's restaurant; one and all had a wonderful time. The dinner was very good, and I can eat more things now, so I really enjoyed my meal. However, still no goodies, just plain wholesome food. Enjoyed talking to everyone: Retired Agents CECELIA MORAN, CATHERINE COLLINS, HAZEL DUNN and HELEN SHANNON, Retired Clerks JOE BRENNAN and JOHN MORAN and their wives, Retired Conductor JERRY HANAFIN and his wife, Retired Towerman PATRICK HICKEY and his wife, Retired Supervisor ED MUNRO, Retired Division 308 Board Member CHARLES BURNS and many more. It was good to see everyone again and all the pensioners looked wonderful. Once more, Retired Assignment Agents LULU HAMANN and ROSE HEIDENBLUT did a beautiful job on the dinner...Supervisor DON MURPHY at Ashland Avenue went on pension May 1 and we sure were sorry to see him go as we knew Don for so many years. He and his charming wife, GEN, bought a home in New Port Richey, Florida, where they will enjoy the Florida sunshine. They had planned to leave for Florida right after Don's retirement. The district office gave Don a little sendoff with cake and coffee. We all wish Gen and Don a wonderful pensioned life. We welcome to Ashland Avenue Supervisor DAN HAYES who took Don's place... Retired

Clerk JOHN MORAN stopped in to see us at Ashland Avenue and he told us that he's back living on the South Side after living up north for some time. He was very happy when he told us that he has a new grandchild, MONICA ANN. The Morans now have five grandchildren, all girls. He said they really keep him and his wife, ANN, busy...On the sick list at this writing is work train Motorman DOMINIC (Mickey) CESARE. He was in the hospital for an operation but is home now recuperating nicely. Hurry up, Mickey, and get well so you can get back to work...We had some resignations recently: Conductor JAMES GRIFFIN resigned to join the Chicago Police Department, and Conductors WESLEY RICHARDSON and EDWARD KING also resigned...Retired Towerman FRANK PINTA was in to see the boys at Ashland Avenue recently and he looks just wonderful. Pensioned life sure agrees with him...Our commendations keep rolling in: Conductor ARTHUR FOREST was commended for his excellent announcements, Motorman MICHAEL BEAL was commended for his alertness in removing an object on the right-of-way at Loyola, thereby avoiding damage to train and possible derailment. Also, Agents DOROTHY HARRIS and FLOYD SCHRIEBER were commended for courtesy in performance of their duties as agents. Let's keep those commendations rolling in.

*- Verna Hartney*

**SOUTH SHOPS -**

This month we would like to dedicate our article to CHARLIE BUZA, the "Mrs. Olsen" of the South Shops. Charlie retired after 45 years of service on April 30. Charlie, we would like to wish you the best of luck and hope that you will drop in to see us from time to time. We miss you already. Charlie and his lovely wife, RENA, are making their new home in Angola, Indiana...Best of luck goes out to A. BINSTOCK, Print Shop, who retired after 33 years of service...Charlie, do you know why JIM FELTZ, shop clerk, is wearing a happy face these days? Well, on April 10 he and his wife, DIANE, purchased a '72 Riviera; 18 days later they became an aunt and uncle for the first time when Jim's sister-in-law gave birth to a lovely 7 pound 4 ounce baby girl named KATHERINE MARIE FELTZ. One of the grandpas is Jim's dad, ERNIE FELTZ, a collector at Archer Station. To round out that cheerful day, that evening Jim and Ernie won the Madonna Knights of Columbus bowling championship--the first time in ten years of trying. ..Charlie, speaking of babies, B. MALLHI, Technical Services Division, and his wife became parents for the second time when Mrs. MALLHI gave birth to a little boy 7 pounds 3 ounces. This makes two sons for the Mallhis...JIM HAWORTH Sr., Technical Services technician, recently had an operation. He is doing well and home recuperating. We all wish him a very speedy recovery and hope to see you "back on the job" soon!..Well, Charlie, KAREN HOFFMAN had a week of vacation that she enjoyed at home doing her spring cleaning...We would also like to congratulate SUE MAJOR who became the wife of STEPHEN JURKATUS on April 16. Stephen is employed by the Federal Sign & Signal corporation. The newlyweds are making their new home in Alsip, Illinois...ELAINE STEWART really pulled a fast one over on our office! She supposedly left on her vacation for a fun-filled week in Detroit, Michigan. After a few days we received a post card from her saying she had gone to Jacksonville, Florida...JOHN JANKUS and his family drove to Orlando, Florida, where they checked out Disney World... J. J. REPPLINGER also spent his vacation in Florida and came back with a great tan...EARL LARSEN and his wife drove down to Dallas and Waco, Texas, with their two daughters and one of their grandchildren. The trip there and back took two weeks. Earl is rested and ready to work. And now for our "OUT IN THE SHOP" news...A Florida vacation was also taken by Foreman T. WOSS, Machine Shop. MAX HAMILTON, Area 346, and his wife spent two glorious sun-filled weeks at Juno Beach, Florida. Highlights of their sightseeing were the thrilling Lion Country Safari and a day at Disney World...HOWARD BURRIS, Area 348, gave his daughter, CHERYL, in marriage to ANDRE PASTELIS on March 1. Andre is a former army officer and has a degree in business administration from the University of Indiana. Andre is now an insurance executive. They will make their home in Santa Ana, California...We would like to welcome L. P. MILISH and C. JONES Jr. who are now electrical apprentices here at the South Shops... A. COX, Area 344, had a gift of a baby girl, AMY MICHELLE, from his wife, ANNA FAYE, on April 22. Amy weighed 6 pounds. She has a sister, ANGELA, who is two-years old. ..GUS IVY, Area 348, took a week's vacation and visited the islands--Stony and Blue...RON JARECKAS, Area 348, and his wife just returned from a week of fishing, golfing, and relaxation on Norfolk Lake in Arkansas. We're all waiting for the fish fry, Ron!..Staff Sergeant RAYMOND HOWE, the son of Mr. and Mrs. V. HOWE, is a missile mechanic with the 26th Air Defense Missile squadron at Otis Air Force Base, Massachusetts. He received an award for exceptionally meritorious service from January 1, 1970, to June 30, 1971. Raymond was formerly employed by CTA at Beverly, and his dad is the foreman of South Shops Paint Shop... Charlie, did you know that DENISE PICKETT, the daughter of WILLIE C. PICKETT, utility clerk, South Shops, was graduated from Perry Schmid Elementary school and has plans to attend Harlan High school in September.

*- Denise Patheiger & Jim LaMont*

**WEST SECTION -**

While waiting for the weather to warm, maybe some of this hot news will heat up your hearts. First, let me congratulate Mrs. ROSE SICILIANO for 25 years of marriage to my buddy and co-reporter, SANTO SICILIANO. Many, many more to you both. (But, how did she do it.)..Switchman WALTER ODOMS and Ticket Agent VALERIE THOMAS slipped away on March 11 and were married at the Big Zion Baptist church. On April 29 they held a reception in their home. It was a lovely affair with friends and relatives coming with many gifts. Congratulations to you both. ..Let's all wish the following people a happy birthday: R. PERKINS, C. MOORE, G. PEDERSON, C. FOWLER, B. HANNAH, M. LIEBEVITZ, H. ASHER, C. COLEMAN, J. RAGGI, W. UPSHAW, B. STEVENS, B. CARWELL, and F. CHRISTENSEN. Many more, gang...Janitor R. SMITH of Jefferson Park says his new assignment as gang boss is working out swell. But you should see the look of nostalgia on his face when you mention Lake Street where Smitty worked so long, keeping Central Avenue Station spic and span. The fellows miss you, too...On the sick list is our Lake Street "Godfather", Motorman M. BELLEZZO. Hurry back, Mike, your conductor, Santo, really thinks he is in charge of the train...Switchman J. CIMMERER is back to work. He had a minor operation performed. It wasn't his tonsils, as his vocal cords are loud. Welcome back, Big John...We all are looking forward to Conductor G. CLARK returning soon. His motorman, R. ARMSTRONG, goes

down the Dan Ryan lopsided. Reverend Clark and Deacon Armstrong drive the "Glory Train", but without Brother George, the weight is unbalanced...Motorman J. HOOD says when he goes on vacation, naturally he will take along his brand new Electra 225 to make all the Yankees green with envy as he heads down south...Conductor G. WOODMORE loves model trains and his fish, but let him see a stereo set and he'll leave them for music. His wife, ALBERTA, would like to see the trains completed so she can serve dinner on the dining room table...With vacations coming up gang, and had you saved some money in the Lake Street "L" credit union or the Met Credit Union, you would have a nice bundle for that long awaited trip or household repairs. But remember if you qualify, loans are made available every day by contacting JOHN McCARTY, Lake Street, or JOHN CAROLAN on the Met. Remember to save, all of you...Gotta run now, don't forget to let us hear about the vacations and the pictures you took. See you later.

*- Santo Siciliano & Lou Payne*

**69TH STREET -**

I am writing this column while on my way to Colorado Springs, Colorado, with my wife to spend Mother's day with my eldest son and his wife...The instruction force at 69th wishes to thank all the operators for their fine job in winning the ISC quarterly award. The operators can be very proud of this feat as it is the first time since 1966 that we have won. We have come close several times, but never quite made it. So they say thanks and congratulations, and ask us to keep up the good work and drive defensively...Operator H. GREEN, the last man to pick on the first day of picking, is waiting to take his physical for the police department. He also has plans to be married to JANIS FLEMING in July...WILLIAM DRISKELL who is 6 feet 9 inches and the tallest man in our station, was married for a year in June and is planning to take his wife down to Louisiana to visit her family while on vacation...Our union representative, HARRY BLAKE, went to Ohio to visit his family...GUS MELANDER and HANK RISCH bought new Gran Torinos, but Hank showed his love for the Irish when he ordered a bright green one...BILL DONAHUE is busy vacationing in the sunny South looking for retirement property...JOHNNY HALKO was a recent victim of a holdup. Luckily he was not hurt--physically or financially...TONY VANDERBERG recently received a letter from Pensioner TOM O'SHEA who is now living in Ft. Lauderdale. Tom says hello to the old gang...The silent reaper passed by 69th and took Pensioner HERMAN JAMES, and the father of JAMES TUCKER, CLABORN TUCKER. The father of IVORY also passed away, as did Pensioner JOHN BURGESON. To their families and loved ones we extend our deepest sympathy...We want everyone to know that R. RAJ is our number one janitor at 69th. He can also cook and keep house, beautifully. Raj flew from Chicago in a snow storm and ended up in 80 degree temperatures when he attended his grandchild's first communion in New Mexico...I wonder who the smallest, fattest or skinniest operators are at 69th? Any suggestions? Drop a line in my mail box and let me know what is happening...From the Repair Department, FRANK PIKCUNAS, who formerly worked at 69th, came by and looks fine, and remembers the good old days he spent here...JIM LUNDY, WILLIE COOPER, R. BARNEY, TED NIEZABITOWSKI, MUTNANSKY, E. CLEARY, WILLIE CARSON, B. YEHLING, K. COELYN, J. MADNEY, J. WILLIAMS and EDDIE HOWSE are all on vacation at this writing. Here's hoping they all have a good time...GEORGE HOLLAND is noted for his honesty as he turns in all the tools he finds lost on the buses...We all wish CHARLIE BUZA a happy and healthy pensioned life. Charlie retired on May 1 after 45 years of service. Charlie was a former clerk at 69th and is planning to move to South Bend, Indiana...Pensioner HARRY MINOGUE and his wife are vacationing in Florida. Harry says to tell everyone hello...We had a visit with BILL YEATMAN and he looks well...We offer our sincere condolences to the families of JOE GAMEN in the loss of his son, JOE Jr., and to GORDON MALEY in the loss of his father...Congratulations to BILL TOOMEY and his wife on the birth of a daughter, CHRISTINE ANN. Bill is our assistant day foreman...We would like to report the death of Pensioner JOE KELLY. Our sincerest sympathy to his family...Good luck to THURMAN COLLIER, JOE WYDRA and M. WARREN who transferred to South Shops. We welcome MIKE BAY, H. DONAHUE and J. SKIZAS to 69th...We won the "Goodyear Tire Award" for 1971. The plaque was just wonderful, and the foremen and repairmen are to be congratulated for their efforts in keeping the tires in good condition for service.

*- Art Buesing & Jimmy Ahern*

**77TH STREET -**

Sorry that our column was missing from the past two issues of Transit News, but we had not received enough news to make a complete column. Please make use of the Transit News mailbox, as our column will only be as interesting and newsworthy as you make it...Operator RAYMOND WILEY Sr. is very proud of his son, RAYMOND Jr., who recently celebrated his 21st birthday...Operator GARRETT has purchased a new campmobile, and it is certainly an ideal home on wheels. Wall to wall everything. He said he would rent it for a small fee. Anyone interested?.. Operator L. LEE's wife, MARY, underwent major surgery but is making steady progress and feeling fine...Clerk FISHER is being "given the business" by fellow operators since he went on a hunting trip with N. PALMER and C. WATKINS. It seems as though he returned with frostbitten ears...We extend belated birthday greetings to SONJA and REMEL JONES, the daughters of Operator V. JONES. Many happy returns of the day...Graduation News--JETAUN CORKER was graduated from Academy of Our Lady on June 4. She is the daughter of Mechanic Helper EUGENE and ESSIE CORKER. Best of luck to Jetaun in her future endeavors. Now I know why the buttons are missing from Eugene's jackets and shirts these days. He's simply bursting with pride...The bowling league would like to thank Division 241 for its contribution. The league is winding up its 1971-1972 season. At present the "Shoot the Archer Bandit Team" is on its way to winning another title. The high scorers and their averages are: Operators E. FORD 185, MOTTON 184, HODGE 182, McBAY 181-33, GIPSON 181-3, R. WILLIAMS 180, L. LEE 178, G. REDD 178, J. COLMAN 178, C. TAYLOR 176, and GANTS 176. The leaders in three game handicap series are: Operators W. WALTON 695, H. NETTLES 679, and T. IRELAND 677. The single game handicap leaders are: Operators C. DAVIS 267, W. LIPSEY 266, and E. COOKE 262. The high game handicap team leaders are: The Professionals 1094, The Tranquilizers 1069, and The Archer Bandits 1065...Till next time--PEACE.

*- Elessie Gresham*

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**KEYS FOR** the first 13 new buses were presented to CTA bus operators by U.S. Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe during the public ceremony on August 11. Secretary Volpe is pictured above with the operators, standing between Mayor Richard J. Daley and Transit Board Chairman Michael Cafferty.

TO ALL EMPLOYEES:

Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe wanted the opportunity to participate in the introduction of CTA's fleet of new buses on August 11 because of the importance of the occasion. These air-conditioned buses represent a new generation of transit equipment which will remain the standard of our industry for years to come.

Secretary Volpe was particularly pleased with having the opportunity to meet a number of CTA drivers and to present them with keys for the new buses. During his remarks, the Secretary was very generous in his praise of CTA, saying "This is one of the best transit systems in the country."

We can look forward to another substantial order for buses within the next year. When they are delivered almost half of our buses will be of the latest model.

As Chairman of the CTA, I am particularly pleased that I can play a role in doing something which benefits our employees as well as our passengers.

As time goes on you will begin to see more and more evidence that our $122 million Capital Renewal Program is making significant changes in the CTA. We are a proud organization and we have a lot to be proud of.

Sincerely,

Michael Cafferty

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SPEAKERS AT the ceremony introducing CTA's new buses include the following federal and local officials: Mayor Richard J. Daley, Secretary John A. Volpe of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Senator Charles Percy and Assistant Secretary Bernard Cunningham of the Illinois Department of Transportation. Master of ceremonies was Transit Board Chairman Michael Cafferty.

Asst. Secretary Cunningham, Ill. DOT

Chairman Cafferty

# Unveil first of 525 new buses

THE INTRODUCTION of the first of CTA's 525 new buses was marked by a public ceremony at the Civic Center on Friday, August 11. Participating in the ceremonies were Mayor Richard J. Daley, U.S. Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe, Senator Charles Percy and Assistant Secretary of Illinois Department of Transportation Bernard Cunningham. Master of ceremonies was Transit Board Chairman Michael Cafferty.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, 13 bus operators from Archer Station lined up behind the podium to accept keys to the 1000 series buses from Secretary Volpe. The speakers, invited guests and others in attendance were then invited by Chairman Cafferty to follow the operators and test ride the buses which encircled the Civic Center Plaza.

More than 30 new buses were placed in service on the 62 Archer and 62A Archer Express routes for the evening rush hour on August 11. Archer Station is receiving the first 98 new buses; as additional buses are delivered they will be placed in service in the following order: 47 at 52nd Street Station, 113 at Forest Glen Station, 40 at Lawndale Station, 85 at Kedzie Station, 58 at North Avenue Station and 84 at 77th Street Station.

The buses are being produced by the Truck and Coach Division of General Motors corporation and delivered at the rate of 40 per week. Their purchase is one of the projects included in the first $80 million of CTA's $122 million Capital Renewal Program being funded by the federal Urban Mass Transportation Administration, the Illinois Department of Transportation, and the CTA. The cost of the buses is $21,926,604.

All 525 buses are air conditioned, each with a 10-ton unit that is sufficient to cool two six-room houses. The buses also include the latest environmental improvements--lo-sac needle valves which virtually eliminate pollutant-causing unburned fuel in the combustion chamber--an exhaust pipe extending to the roofline to improve exhaust dispersion--a cradle supported V-8 engine isolated from the bus body.

In addition to an all-new exterior color scheme combining pearl white with lime and pine green, the buses include bright, roomy interiors which resulted from CTA's poll of 30,000 persons during Project Suggestion Bus. The dusky walnut woodgrain wall covering is complemented by a white, gold fleck ceiling and beige contoured seats with alternating cushions of tangerine or golden brown.

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# Operating manager C. E. Keiser retires

A TESTIMONIAL dinner to honor Charles E. Keiser, whose early retirement became effective July 1, was held June 23 at the M&M Club in the Merchandise Mart. Several hundred co-workers, friends and business associates were on hand to extend best wishes to the retiring operating manager. In the picture at right, Superintendent of Transportation D. M. Flynn is shown between Mr. and Mrs. Keiser after presenting a special card acknowledging Mr. Keiser's 36 years of transit service.

As operating manager, Mr. Keiser was responsible for the following departments: transportation, shops and equipment, equipment research and development, and electrical.

Mr. Keiser began his transit career in June, 1936, when he joined the former Chicago Surface Lines as a student engineer. During World War II he was requested to assist in the administrative and technical transportation work of the Office of Defense Transportation. Subsequently, a similar request came from the Transportation Division of the U.S. Navy.

After the war, Mr. Keiser returned to CTA, and in 1946 became staff engineer. He advanced to executive assistant to the general manager in 1947. In this capacity he was involved in the consolidation of the Chicago Surface Lines and the Chicago Rapid Transit Company and the development of the new organization structure of Chicago Transit Authority.

During this time, the personnel functions of CTA were assigned to Mr. Keiser and he organized the employment, training, and job classification departments. The job classification assignment involved the establishment of some 450 job classifications for 20,000 employees and included negotiations with the respective unions, the job content and pay rates for all these employees.

He was appointed superintendent of transportation in 1953; general superintendent of engineering in 1961, and operating manager in 1964.

## 45-year transit veteran, C. B. Batterson enters retirement

CHARLES B. BATTERSON retired as superintendent of CTA's Operations Control Center on July 1, drawing a close to a 45-year transit career which has been spent entirely behind the scenes. Mr. Batterson has never worn the uniform of a transit operating employee, and yet he has had the responsibility of insuring on-time operation of transit services for over 34 years.

Mr. Batterson started with CSL on December 17, 1926, as an assistant stock clerk at South Shops and three years later he became a clerk at Archer carbarn. In June, 1938, he was assigned as a dispatcher in the CSL communications center, and when two-way radio communication began with mobile units in June, 1942, he was among the first to be licensed as a radio operator.

He was assigned to a district office as an acting relief superintendent in 1960 and as a relief superintendent in 1961. In August, 1963, Mr. Batterson returned to the Operations Control Center as assistant superintendent; he became superintendent in June, 1964.

Mr. Batterson and his wife, Dolores, are pictured above with Superintendent of Transportation D. M. Flynn (right) and Operating Manager C. E. Keiser (left), who also retired July 1.

FOR REDUCING their accident experience in 1971 as compared to 1970, the Greater Chicago Safety Council presented Transportation Awards to ten surface system stations and an Industrial Award to the rapid transit system. Shown here with Superintendent of Transportation D. M. Flynn are superintendents who accepted the Safety Council awards in behalf of operating employes at their respective stations: from left - seated, Lawndale Station Superintendent J. B. Morris, 77th Street Station Superintendent J. A. Knerr, Mr. Flynn, Kedzie Station Superintendent M. F. Harrington and Forest Glen Station Superintendent M. H. DeWitt. Standing, 52nd Street Station Superintendent J. H. Lynch, Beverly Station Assistant Superintendent H. E. Will, 69th Street Station Superintendent G. D. Peyton, Archer Station Assistant Superintendent W. V. Coleman, Rapid Transit South Section Superintendent E. J. Heatter, North Park Station Superintendent A. C. Johnson and Limits Station Assistant Superintendent L. R. Mueller.

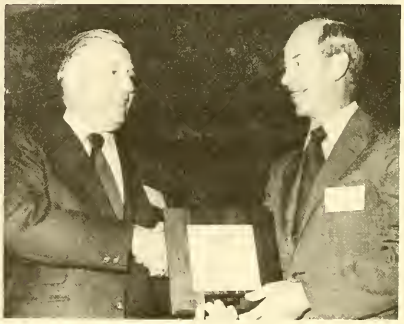
# Safety Council cites 13 CTA locations

FOR OUTSTANDING safety performance during 1971, the Utility & Emergency Service Department was presented a Transportation Award by the Greater Chicago Safety Council. Superintendent of Utility & Emergency Service J. J. Roche (left) is accepting the plaque from Superintendent of Transportation D. M. Flynn.

IN RECOGNITION of its improvement in industrial safety in 1971, South Shops was named a winner of the Greater Chicago Safety Council Industrial Award. Shown upon acceptance of the award are the following Shops & Equipment and Insurance Department supervisory personnel: from left, General Foreman E. Nelson, Superintendent of Surface System Shops & Garages J. J. Repplinger, Superintendent of Surface System Shops J. A. Rosendhal, Assistant Superintendent of Insurance and Pensions J. F. Boyce, Superintendent of Shops & Equipment G. J. Clark and General Foreman T. E. Pietrus.

# Transit safety award presented to CTA

THE COVETED American Transit Safety Award won by CTA "In recognition of outstanding achievement in traffic and passenger safety among transit systems of the United States and Canada serving urban populations of over 1,000,000" was accepted recently by Director of Personnel F. A. Johnson. Making the presentation, at left, is Carmack Cochran, president of the American Transit Association. One of five such awards presented annually to North American transit systems, the award won by CTA is for the greatest population served.



# MEDICALLY SPEAKING by Dr. George H. Irwin

**A HERNIA,** or rupture as it is commonly called, may be defined as any protrusion of an internal organ or other body structure (often the intestines) through the abdominal wall or cavity which normally contains the structure. However, when most people speak of a hernia, they usually mean the inguinal hernia which is in the groin.

Basically, people have ruptures because of a congenital weakness of the muscles and tissues of the involved area. It may help to point out that in the human anatomy there are certain internal openings in the muscles and fibrous walls through which arteries, veins and nerves pass. Usually the openings are just the right size for these vessels to pass through. Sometimes the openings are larger than usual due to a congenital tissue weakness. This permits the intestines or other body organs or tissues to bulge outwardly. In the average hernia patient, the basic tissue weakness is present at birth even though it may take many years before the hernia is fully developed and noticeable.

In addition to the above mentioned congenital causes of hernia, it may be that certain hernias can be acquired from repeated severe strains. However, injury is rarely a direct and primary cause of a rupture. Any condition which causes increased intra-abdominal pressure is an underlying cause of rupture.

If the opening in the abdominal wall is small, the bowel may not come all the way through. In these cases there is practically no pain and the individual will not be aware of a hernia. The patient may be sure of it if the swelling is noted upon standing and disappears when lying down. When the swelling does not disappear after lying down and there is additional pain, it usually means trouble such as strangulation.

Ruptures may occur at any age. They are more common in males than females because of the male anatomy. There is a large variety of hernias. Some of the more usual ones are the inguinal, femoral, umbilical, diaphragmatic (hiatal), post-operative or incisional, and strangulated. In the female, weakness and stretching of the vaginal and rectal walls develops after many pregnancies and a cystocele (hernia of the bladder) or rectocele (hernia of the rectum) may occur.

The inguinal hernia is found in the groin and occurs more frequently than any other type. The femoral develops a little lower down and is usually seen in females. The strangulated type is one which comes through the opening of the abdominal wall, gets caught or twisted and can't be returned to the inside. The very marked pressure causes a stoppage of blood supply and gangrene develops. The diaphragmatic hernia occurs because the opening in the diaphragm is too large and this allows the stomach to push upward into the thoracic cavity. The post-operative or incisional hernia occurs after an operation in which the wound does not heal normally and firmly.

The treatment of hernias is basically surgical. There are some other methods of treatment but they are not nearly as successful as an operation. The truss is an old time remedy and is being used less and less. The objections are that it requires constant care and is uncomfortable and irritating to the skin surface. It may prevent protrusion of the bowel temporarily but its long term use is not successful. It may also be justifiable in the very aged or where the surgical risk is too great. Injections to block the opening were used years ago but this method is extinct now.

Early surgery offers more cures than any other method. The operation must be done early while the tissues have good healing power. Strangulated hernias necessitate emergency operation. Long postponement may lead to a fatality. All medical disease co-existing with the hernia such as heart trouble, diabetes, blood disorders and kidney diseases should be under control, if possible, before surgery is performed. Improved surgery has allowed some patients to go home in one or two days.

In conclusion: If you notice an unnatural bulge see your doctor soon and he will start proper treatment.

## Training program graduates take schedule maker assignments

NOW SERVING in the capacity of schedule maker in the Schedule-Traffic Department are four graduates of the Schedule Maker Training Program conducted earlier this year. The special program consisted of 18 evening sessions totalling 72 hours. Pictured here at the time of graduation with Schedule-Traffic Department supervisory personnel are (from left) Kenneth Marek, Joseph Billis, Superintendent L. C. Dutton, Assistant Superintendent-Traffic Division and Class Instructor H. R. Hirsch, Norman Oswald, and Lloyd Hillock.

# George Krambles named operating manager

THE APPOINTMENT of George Krambles as operating manager with responsibility over the Transportation and Shops & Equipment Departments effective July 1, was announced June 23 by General Manager Thomas B. O'Connor.

GEORGE KRAMBLES

Mr. Krambles advanced to operating manager from the position of superintendent of research and planning, which he had held since 1965.

After a brief period with Indiana railroad, Mr. Krambles joined the former Chicago Rapid Transit Company in 1937. His work included maintenance and construction design as well as power system operation.

Shortly after CTA became an operating company, he was assigned to the planning department to work on integration of surface and rapid transit services and on development of an operation control system for instantaneous regulation of rapid transit service.

In 1961 he became superintendent of operations for the Transportation Department. In addition, in 1964 he was named manager for the Skokie Swift mass transportation demonstration grant project.

He has served as consultant on matters related to transit operations or system design in America and abroad and has presented lectures for a number of universities and other organizations involved in transportation research and planning.

Mr. Krambles is a graduate of the University of Illinois with a degree in railway electrical engineering, with additional studies in railway civil and railway mechanical engineering. He is a registered professional engineer in Illinois. He is active in the American Transit Association, the Institute for Rapid Transit, and serves as a member of the executive committee of the Highway Research Board.

## Organizational changes, new appointments announced

IN ADDITION to the appointment of Mr. Krambles as operating manager on July 1, General Manager T. B. O'Connor announced added responsibilities for General Superintendent of Engineering E. E. Olmstead, who now has jurisdiction over the Equipment Research & Development and Research & Planning Departments. Other departments which Mr. Olmstead is in charge of are Engineering, Design, Real Estate, Track & Structures, and Building & Construction.

Announcements of other organizational changes not previously reported in Transit News involve Surface Operating Stations, Skokie Shop, Research & Planning, Electrical, Surface System Garages and Personnel.

Named to new posts at Surface Operating Stations effective June 1 were Forest Glen Station Superintendent G. W. Daubs, Kedzie Station Assistant Superintendent A. C. Tabel, and Archer-Lawndale Stations Relief Superintendent J. J. Lahey. The appointments were announced by Superintendent of Transportation D. M. Flynn.

The appointment of R. W. Winther as superintendent of Skokie Shop effective June 18 was announced by Superintendent of Shops & Equipment G. J. Clark.

F. J. Misek was appointed supervisor of the Research & Planning Division of the Engineering Department effective July 1. The appointment was announced by E. E. Olmstead, general superintendent of engineering.

The appointment of T. M. Szewc as general signal supervisor effective August 1 was announced by Signal Superintendent C. L. Wiksten and approved by Electrical Engineer A. R. Sandberg.

Appointed to new posts at Surface System Garages effective August 6 were Day Supervisor of Garages W. C. Scott and Night Supervisor of Garages M. M. Smith. The appointments were made by Superintendent of Garages J. W. Dain and approved by Superintendent of Surface System Shops & Garages J. J. Repplinger and Superintendent of Shops & Equipment G. J. Clark.

The appointment of Erwin Aguayo as special assistant to the director of personnel was announced August 2 by Board Chairman Michael Cafferty. Fluent in the Spanish language, Mr. Aguayo will aid in the recruitment and employment of Latin-Americans. He joined CTA as a bus operator in 1955 and became a line instructor in 1963.

# New northwest side bus route approved

THE ESTABLISHMENT of a new bus route--99 Cumberland Express--to serve the far northwest area of Chicago and an extension of the 3 King Drive route on the south side of the city were approved by Chicago Transit Board on July 27.

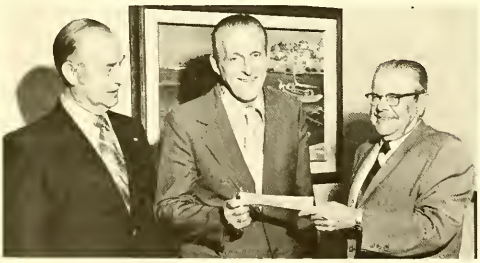
The 99 Cumberland Express will serve the densely populated area bounded by Cumberland, Higgins, East River road and Foster, which presently has no regular transit service. Buses will initially be operated Mondays through Fridays from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at 20-minute intervals. Residents of the area will benefit from this service connecting this previously isolated community to the rest of the city.

Originating at the Jefferson Park transit center, buses will operate west non-stop via the Kennedy Expressway to the Cumberland avenue exit, then west in Higgins with stops at the All-American building, Marriott Motor Inn and O'Hare Plaza building, south in East River road, east in Bryn Mawr to International Tower building, south in Delphia with a stop at the Lamplighter Towers apartments, east in Berwyn, north in Cumberland and east in the Kennedy Expressway returning to the Jefferson Park transit center where passengers may transfer to the West-Northwest rapid transit and ten other CTA bus routes.

West of Cumberland, morning trips will operate around the described loop in a counter-clockwise direction; afternoon trips in a clockwise direction. The regular middle zone rate of fare plus a 15¢ premium for express service will be charged.

To provide convenient service for a large number of students who will be attending the new Chicago State university when it opens in November, the 3 King Drive route will be extended from its present terminal at 93rd street via King drive and 95th street to a new terminal being constructed at 95th street and St. Lawrence avenue on the campus. The extension will become operational when the school opens.

## Suggestion award winners named



GENERAL OFFICE employees headed the list of suggestion award winners during June and July, with 4 out of 11 of the adopted suggestions. A General Office employee was also the top cash winner, pocketing $50 for his idea.

James Burklow of Internal Auditing is pictured at left accepting his $50 check from Manager of Finance P. J. Meinardi (right) as Suggestion Coordinator Russell Warnstedt looks on. A $10 Jewel/Osco gift certificate was presented to Mr. Burklow and also to three other general office employees, Raymond Carson and William Finkler of Insurance and Pensions, and Harold Rowbottom of Traffic Planning.

A second cash award winner, John Kania of South Shops, accepted $25 and a gift certificate for his adopted suggestion. Other Shops and Equipment employees winning gift certificates were Willard Larsen and Al Zielinski of South Shops.

Also winning $10 gift certificates were Roman Doubek of Douglas Rapid Transit Station, William Reynolds of North Avenue Station, G. Thomas Spasojevich of Engineering-West Shops, and Walter Wangero of Utility-Blue Island.

## *Payroll deductions for savings bonds reach new high*

CTA EMPLOYEES know a good buy when they see one, and they proved it by signing up for Savings Bond payroll deductions totalling $105,677.26 per pay period.

The record amount of bond deductions resulted from the U.S. Savings Bond campaign which was conducted system-wide during the month of May. In response, 705 more CTAers signed up for payroll deductions, bringing the total number participating to 6,087--47.80 per cent of all employees.

As a result of the campaign, 429 employees who had previously been enrolled increased their deductions for bonds by an average of $11.25 per pay period. The average payroll deduction for all participating employees is $17.36.

The enrollment of only 260 more employees in the plan would place CTA in a select group of companies with 50 per cent or more of their employees participating. Join the IN group who are helping themselves save money--and helping their country, too.

# Service anniversaries in July

## 40 years

E. N. Stobart,
Forest Glen

A. R. Broman, Treasury

## 35 years

M. T. Ambicki, 77th Street
L. P. Anchor, Beverly
C. M. Bird, 77th Street
A. S. Bloomquist, North Park
H. P. Braun, 52nd Street
W. F. Buchner, District B
E. B. Dappen, Limits
J. C. Granata, Law
J. Kane, Limits
E. J. Kelly, Kedzie
W. A. Nehls, North Avenue
G. A. Rezmer, West Section
N. I. Rolnicki, Power Operations

## 30 years

R. S. Benson, Limits
R. A. Brady, Utility & Emergency Service
J. G. Drag, Forest Glen Garage
T. V. Hickey, North Avenue
J. Iavina, Track
T. Jones, South Shops
V. J. Juknuis, Kedzie
P. P. Kurek, Lawndale
V. LaMarca, Mechanical Maintenance Division
A. Lask, Kedzie
D. P. Lemm, Dan Ryan
W. D. O'Connell, Skokie Shop
M. B. Olsen, Rapid Transit District - North
F. Potanella, Track
G. A. Pedersen, West Section
A. G. Peterson, Archer
D. F. Prisble, North Park Garage
R. J. Raj Jr., 69th Street
C. F. Scheuermann, South Section
C. E. Southard, Rapid Transit District - North
R. M. Stanton, Rapid Transit District - North
F. W. Stolarz, South Shops

## 25 years

A. S. Arduini, Electrical Distribution
E. W. Bakanowicz, North Park Garage
G. J. Balazs Jr., Central District
T. A. Beland, South Section
P. E. Brott, South Shops
F. L. Bruno, Garage Instruction
C. V. Eschbach, 77th Street
C. S. Evans, North Park Garage
A. F. French, North Avenue
G. B. Holland, 69th Street
E. A. Jenski, Utility & Emergency Service
J. H. Johnson, 77th Street
A. Joyce, Mechanical Maintenance Division
J. King, Beverly
A. L. Kolman, Mechanical Maintenance Division
T. J. Kolman, West Section
M. J. Lacriola, Instruction - Surface System
M. R. Laxstrom, North Avenue Garage
A. J. Lullo, South Shops
F. W. Miraglio, West Section
G. Morrell, South Shops
R. G. Morrison, Instruction - Surface System
R. F. Mulvihill, South Shops
J. P. Murray, South Shops
J. F. Nardi, Plant Equipment Maintenance
W. C. Norvilas, Archer Garage
L. C. Pedersen, North Park
J. P. Randazzo, Forest Park Maintenance Terminal
T. M. Scardina, Kedzie
E. W. Schneider, Limits
L. R. Skrine, Office Services
M. Sullivan, North Avenue Garage
R. C. Utley, Forest Glen
R. A. Walker, South Shops

# Service anniversaries in August

## 45 years

N. J. Paolicchi,
Skokie Shop

## 35 years

E. R. Behrens, 69th Street
T. Buckley, 77th Street
C. J. Carlson, North Avenue
F. A. Cione, North Park Garage
P. J. Gerharz, North Avenue
C. R. Greco, Technical Services - Surface
T. J. Griffin, North Avenue
E. W. Jeschke, Forest Glen
B. E. Kamien, Archer
T. R. Kinderman, North Park
J. E. Koerber, Beverly
C. E. Kusch, District D
E. W. Larsen, South Shops
T. E. Mace, Operations Control
F. P. Maher, Archer
T. S. McGovern, Law
M. M. Milos, Track & Structures
E. W. Pommerening, North Avenue
P. W. Reid, Archer
O. H. Rentschler, North Park
W. A. Ruzich, Plant Equipment Maintenance
A. G. Schmelter, Forest Glen
H. D. Sareghen, Medical
E. J. Stahowiak, Limits
J. J. Valauskas, Archer Garage
J. H. Valk, Forest Glen

## 30 years

H. W. Anderschat, North Park
J. J. Bajic, Mechanical Maintenance Division
C. E. Bauer, District A
T. C. Berg, Forest Glen
R. F. Bowers, Utility & Emergency Service
R. E. Burns, South Shops
J. M. Chazinski, Kedzie
F. B. Clemens, Power Operations
W. E. Crigler, Utility & Emergency Service
T. V. Dwyer, 52nd Street
E. C. Ericksen, Forest Glen
H. F. Forster, North Avenue
J. P. Hennelly, North Avenue
J. J. Hurt, North Avenue
H. M. Jarecki, North Avenue Garage
S. G. Klich, North Avenue Garage
F. C. Knautz, Executive
F. C. Knor Jr., 77th Street
E. F. Kratzke, Forest Glen Garage
L. A. Larson, Beverly
L. Lahn, Training & Public Safety
M. J. Lucas, North Avenue
R. E. Mathis, South Shops
E. J. McDonald, North Park
J. J. McMahon, Office Services
K. C. Mettler, North Avenue
E. F. Mikalauska, Tire Inspection Center
P. J. Milkevitch, Electrical Distribution
B. M. Nielsen, Electrical Distribution
A. Pavesic, Electrical Distribution
C. J. Pipowski, South Shops
T. J. Quinn, Forest Glen
A. T. Reed, Beverly
J. L. Sabie, Lawndale Garage
F. C. Schmid, Forest Glen Garage
P. Schultz, Archer
J. D. Schwartz, Office Services
E. F. Segerson, West Section
G. W. Sparleder, Forest Glen
J. W. Springer, Stores - South Division
F. A. Velinske, Forest Glen Garage
E. C. Willenbrock, North Park
C. C. Wisniewski, Lawndale
W. G. Wood, Forest Glen
S. Zittman, South Shops

## 25 years

T. J. Cattoni, South Shops
J. E. Cholly, Beverly
D. DeBuono, Lawndale
J. F. Dudley, South Shops
K. H. Dunn, West Section
J. Dwortz, 77th Street
J. Dziak, Mechanical Maint. Division
F. M. Flynn, Beverly Garage
G. J. Gacek, 69th Street Garage
E. Z. Galek, Plant Equipment Maint.
G. J. Geins, 77th Street Garage
J. Hardy, 52nd Street
A. T. Heron, South Shops
C. Howard, 52nd Street
W. Howe, 69th Street
H. Jackson, Kedzie
B. J. Jormus, Archer
H. Johnson, Forest Glen
S. E. Jones, Lawndale
W. J. Kalboth, North Avenue
F. Lang, Track
T. Lechowicz, Forest Glen
C. A. Lidzbinski, South Shops
M. A. Lynch, Investigation & Claims
M. A. McMahon, Archer
A. Miller, North Park
T. G. Murphy, Relief Clerk - Surface
M. J. Musielski, North Park Garage
J. H. Parks, Security
C. W. Parrish, 77th Street
N. Perkins, 77th Street
W. Petersen, 52nd Street
F. S. Panzio, Schedule & Traffic
W. E. Richards, South Shops
J. P. Rudy, Limits Garage
J. B. Sabin, Electrical Distribution
J. E. Sarnecki, South Shops
C. Servant, 77th Street
E. Simpson, South Shops
A. Skelton, Archer Garage
T. Skroka, Building Maintenance Division
H. W. Surrett, Utility & Emergency Service
T. C. Sutkowski, South Shops
E. A. Swital, Archer Garage
W. J. Warchol, Lawndale Garage
E. Weichmann, Skokie Shop
J. C. White, Instruction - 77th Street
C. E. Worland, Investigation & Claims

# THE INSIDE NEWS

## AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**ACCOUNTING (General) -**

If RITA RITROVATO seems happier than usual lately, it's because she and her husband, JOE, Schedule Department, recently purchased a home in Skokie. May you enjoy many happy years there!..Congratulations to TONY SCARDINA on his engagement to KATHY COSTELLO. The wedding date is set for November 25, 1972...Transfer Counter MARK FITZPATRICK recently transferred to the Treasury Department. We wish him the best of luck in his new position...On May 24, JOHN BILLIS received a certificate of honor from Loop college for recognition of outstanding achievements in scholarship and service to the college and community. Congratulations, John, keep up the good work. ..Your reporter, JUDY CUCI, started off the summer season with a vacation to exciting Las Vegas. She especially enjoyed seeing Andy Williams and Engelbert Humperdinck, as well as many of the other shows and casinos on "The Strip."

*- Judy Cuci*

**(Payroll) -**

Wedding bells keep ringing in the Payroll Department! This latest announcement is the third one in the last three issues. VICKI LEPEK's daughter, CAROL ANN, was married to JOSEPH TOMASZEWSKI on May 21 in St. Isaac Jogues church in Niles, Illinois. Following the ceremony a reception and dinner took place at the White Eagle, also in Niles. The bride wore the traditional white lace and organza gown, while the bridesmaids wore lovely long green dresses and carried yellow flowers; the mother of the bride looked charming in a yellow lace dress. The honeymooners drove to Florida, visiting Orlando and the Cypress Gardens, and upon returning will settle down in Glenview, Illinois...Our deepest sympathy is extended to AL LATHOUWERS whose father, Mr. JOHN LATHOUWERS, passed away on June 2...MARIE COARI and ROBBIE JONES were called to serve on jury duty...ESTHER ANDERSON, VALERIA BOWMAN, MARY CARNEY, ROSEMARY KENNY, JOSEPHINE O'KRAY and MARGE ORGAN all reported that they enjoyed their vacations. Marie Coari spent some of her time looking for a summer home site, and we hope she found one at Thunder lake.

*- Clara Lawrence*

**(Tabulating) -**

BRAD BUTHMAN, the three-year old son of CLARENCE BUTHMAN, is hobbling along just fine in a cast after fracturing his ankle on a bicycle. Just can't keep a good man down...MARY MULHALL, the mother of MARIAN BUCKLEY, is recuperating nicely at home after a fall in which she fractured her hip...Congratulations to TOM RUSINAK, the son of EMIL RUSINAK, upon his graduation from Nathan Hale Grammar school...Ask MARY RETTIG which place she would like best to return to, and the quick answer would be New Orleans, Louisiana. She recently spent a most delightful vacation there and mentioned such places as the Old French Market and the Vieux Carre'...BARBARA DEN HAMER, who left in order to devote her full time to household duties, was honored at a luncheon at the M&M Club on May 26. She was remembered with many useful gifts by her friends and co-workers...PAT POLIC visited with her sister and family in Cincinnati for a week. Traveling by bus, Pat says the going was fine, but the ride home was endless. Of course Pat went shopping and found some of the nicer restaurants. She went bowling with her nephew, and her score was so terrific that she suspects the score-keeping. Pat has moved to a new apartment in which she is doing some redecorating. She is enjoying this, but reports that it is a great deal of work--especially after working all day Good luck, Pat, in your new home...MARION SUTHERLAND flew to California to visit with her daughter. They drove to Lake Tahoe and report that it was just beautiful--the snow-capped mountains and tall pine trees. She stayed at the Sahara hotel and visited(?) the plush gambling rooms. She ended up with a paper cup full of silver dollars, as all your change is given in silver dollars. They drove to Reno where they visited many historical places. On their way back to California, they stopped in Sacramento, which, being the capital, proved to be very interesting.

*- Evelyn Lee*

**BEVERLY -**

For openers, something we got too late for June. MARIETTA TURNER, the daughter of Operator MELVIN and MARION TURNER, was graduated from the University of Illinois Circle Campus on June 11. Old dad is walking around with the buttons popping off his shirt and a big smile on his face...A sad note--the lady who was killed by an auto in the Loop on June 1 was ETTA MARTIN, the wife of Operator GEORGE T. MARTIN. Mrs. Martin was the leading soprano in the choir at Tabernacle Baptist church. George also sings in the choir. He came to Beverly on the last system pick, and has been with CTA for 28 years, all of which were spent at 52nd Street. George would like to thank all his friends at CTA and Division 241 who gave their condolences in his time of bereavement...The word is out that Supervisor MALLORY is getting fat so he can wear the "big one's" uniform, but SCOTTY says he will never catch up...Loader JOYCE is on a soup diet. He had all of his teeth pulled...Operator WILLIE KELLEY is a born loser. He lost the election, and now he will lose his wife for a few weeks. She is going home to South Hampton, England. This will be her first visit home in 25 years. We want to wish her a pleasant trip, and hope she had a happy birthday on July 19...Operator RAY HELM has gone through some changes lately. Remember when they used to call him "baldy?" Well, he has a full head of hair now, and it's all black...Operator SAM BOYD picked the run I had for a few picks. So, I picked one that leads him. Every day he cries the blues about having to follow me on one trip and JOHN McGILL on the other. He doesn't know it, but I hope it gets so bad that he will go back to Halsted...Operator DAVID WALLER took a trip to Green Bay with the kids and reports that he had a swinging time...Reverend LEE also came back to Pullman. I shudder every time I see him going to 131st and Eberhart, and he knows why...By the way, the Community Patrol still needs MEN. So come in

THIS LITTLE bright-eyed charmer is ROBIN LANOR LOWERY, the five-month old daughter of TOMMIE LOWERY, rapid transit signal maintainer and Transit News reporter.

and sign up at 415 East 103rd Street, phone 264-3700 or 3701. We had a parade with 40 cars. Good show...It seems I can't get away from that Amos and Andy bit. I had a student driver last week and A. MARZAL is his name. As the day went on he asked me what the A in my name stood for. I said AMOS. He smiled but didn't make any comment. Later, I asked him what the A in his name stood for. He said ANDY!

*- Tom Daniels & Amos Foster*

**ELECTRICAL (General Office) -**

We were pleasantly surprised when MARGARET KINSEY paid us an unexpected visit in June. Margaret was en route from her home in California to visit friends in Chicago before leaving for a vacation in Hot Springs, Arkansas...SALVATORE VALLONI passed away on June 22. He was a retired operator from 69th Street Depot and the father of RICHARD VALLONI, electrical testing engineer. We extend our sincere condolences to his family...WALTER MOORE, electrical design engineer, recently received a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology. Congratulations! . . BERNADETTE KIZIOR's mini-vacation to Key Biscayne was a prelude to a maxi-vacation in California. Bernie had a beautiful Florida tan when she left on a three-week motor trip to the West Coast...KEN MIKOTA, engineer of building maintenance, and his wife spent a relaxing vacation in Tucson, Arizona...Mr. and Mrs. DEL TOSH, chief power supervisor, are the proud grandparents of HEATHER ELIZABETH who was born on June 15. The new arrival is the daughter of ERROL and ELIZABETH TOSH. Her dad is a former CTA employee...We welcome to the department TOM RYAN and DENNIS MARZEC. Tom recently transferred from South Shops to replace retired estimator ADOLPH KUTZ. Dennis was formerly a clerk at North Park...Hope everyone will have a wonderful summer.

*- Kay McAlister*

**(Rapid Transit Division) -**

There is a somewhat fishy story that comes from Leech Lake in Minnesota where FRANK HALPER, STEVEN ZELLNER, RICHARD VIETH, CHARLIE SEMON, CLYDE YOUNT, DAN SCHULTZ, DENNIS DOBBYN and EDDIE DURRELL went for a week of fishing and relaxation at the beautiful Forestview Resort. The fishing was good with a large catch of walleye, perch and northerns. Richard clinched the honor of catching the first fish, while Charlie had the largest--a $5\frac{1}{4}$ pound walleye. All the fish that were caught were cut into filets and frozen for the trip home. They said their evenings were spent playing cards, and no one knows who was the biggest winner although Clyde had the largest smile. After returning to work, none of the fellows mentioned that they were glad to be home, all they talked about were their plans for a bigger and better trip next year...ART LUPESCU returned to work after a two week vacation, a portion of which was spent following his favorite pastime, auto racing. He watched the Indianapolis 500 mile race on Memorial day and can't remember the last time he missed one. After the Indy 500 Art entered his own car in the Sports Car Club of America sponsored races at the Indianapolis Raceway Park on June 2 and 4. In these two races he drove his 1968 Javelin "A" sedan, a Koveleski prepared car, powered by a Ronnie Kaplan Engineering engine. Art has built and raced cars since he was 14 years old...STEVEN ZELLNER had a lot of good clean fun over the Memorial day weekend. While speeding along in his boat on the Kankakee river, his boat became air-borne and flipped over. He wasn't hurt, but lost his wallet, tools, tackle box and motor. If that wasn't enough, he was cleaned out in a poker game the following night. Steve had forgotten the whole bit as he left for work the morning after--that is until the bus driver gently reminded him by asking him to drop 55 cents into the fare box. Somehow I get the feeling that there was a unique value attached to that missing wallet...JOHN GAY was recently the victim of an attempted robbery when he was approached by four young toughs near Congress and Halsted street. He managed to give them the slip and summoned the police who quickly responded and apprehended three of the four suspects... Did you see TED SWEZC at the last pension party? I couldn't find him. He was hiding behind his newly grown mustache. What some guys won't do to create an image, or is it protecting an image. Either way, we still like you, Ted...MICHAEL J. McKENNA was also at the last pension party. Mike, formerly a draftsman with the Signal Department, is presently the supervisor of way power and communications for the Cleveland Transit System. He was recently promoted to this position. We always enjoy his visits as he is a million laughs rolled into one. Congratulations, Mike...Regretfully we report the passing of Mrs. ELSIE M. YOUNT, the mother of CLYDE YOUNT. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family in their bereavement...We extend our sincere condolences to the family of JOSEPH H. SMITH who passed away recently. Mr. Smith was the father of PETE SMITH who formerly worked as a signal maintainer in our department...PERCY ERVES has returned to work after being off for eleven days due to burns suffered on his right arm when a wrench he was using shorted between a hand-throw switch stand and the third rail. Percy was somewhat reserved when he showed up for work, but otherwise ok. None of the guys takes this kind of news lightly...A party was given by the Signal Department on June 2 for DONALD H. WORCESTER, general signal supervisor, and GEORGE E. WAGNER, blacksmith helper, in honor of their retirement at the Cardinal House, 5159 W. Belmont avenue. Cocktails, plenty of good food, and numerous congratulatory remarks created a pleasant atmosphere for Donald and George to start their pension life. Mr. Worcester, who completed 33 years of service with CTA, started as a draftsman. Most of his time was spent in the Signal Department where he designed over 90 per cent of our crossing gate electrical circuits. Mr. Wagner began work with the Chicago Surface Lines as a welder in May, 1929. He can still recall building up frogs

in the streetcar tracks to extend their life. Gifts were presented to both men at the party by C. L. WIKSTEN, signal superintendent. Our congratulations to both men and best wishes for a long and healthy retired life. We would also like to thank FRANK HALPER and ELMER STOKES for planning a wonderful evening...The Electrical Department's painting gang is again in full swing with CHARLIE SEMAN as foreman. This group is made up of temporary summer college students. They are: MICHAEL HASTINGS, ROBERT GAY, DOMINIC A. GUAGENTI, and SYLVESTER C. LOWERY. The goodbyes to these guys have already been arranged, but watch them show up again next spring.

*- Tommie Lowery*

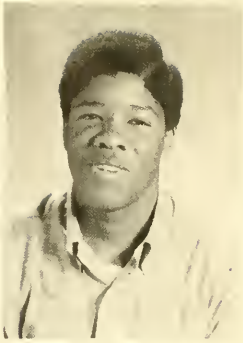
**(Chicago Avenue) -**

I was talking to my pension informant, TOM CALMELAT, on the phone the other day and he sounds good. Tom says that things are going fine with him and he is trying to keep in touch with some of the "old timers." He informed me that BOB CONROY was ailing but is doing good now... TOM HENRY dropped in the other day and he sure looks great for a fellow that has been on pension for 20 years. Oops, I wasn't supposed to say that. Tom is now living in Minnesota...See, it pays to advertise. I mentioned ED MOLINE in this column and I received a note from him. He is now living in Indianola, Iowa, where he keeps very busy being retired. Ed and his wife tried Arizona and Florida before moving to Iowa. Nice hearing from you, Ed. ..One of my informants tells me that CHARLIE PAXTON is still going along out in Pomona, California. Still hamming, Charlie? I'll look you up in the call book, QSL...Our deepest sympathy to LARRY SHELBY in the loss of his father, May 8...On June 11, it was an 11 to 9 victory for the General Office softball team over Forest Glen. JIM BEATTY had a four for four day with two triples and two singles and five runs batted in. What's the matter, Jim, in a slump?.. ED WHITING was in the hospital but is now out and back to work...DON EDWARDS, one of our drivers, spent some time in the hospital. His son, DON Jr., says he is now home recuperating and doing well...JOE, ANNE and KRIS JAROS are vacationing in Germany where they are visiting Anne's relatives. They also said they were doing a lot of sightseeing...PETE SZATKOWSKI and his wife went on a grand tour of the West and ended up in California where they celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on June 8... BILL SHEAHAN is taking a trip to Colorado where he will visit his daughter, and then go on to California. I was advised that CHARLIE WILLIAMS will be on vacation at the same time.

*- Ben Nielsen*

**ENGINEERING -**

Here we are into summer and we have a lot of vacation news...PAT McCARTHY and his wife went to the Abbey in Lake Geneva and also to the Wagon Wheel where they had lots of fun swimming and relaxing...BILL VIGAS and his wife took a trip down to the Ozarks for a little vacation... MARYANN KARL went to Whitehall, Michigan, to a resort where she took in swimming, horseback riding, boating and other activities. She had a wonderful time. Maryann, with all you did outside, where is your tan?..PHIL ADELIZZI and his wife and two other couples took a cruise to the Bahamas, and also visited Disney World in Florida for two weeks and had a great time...ROY SMITH and his wife,



ROBERT VANTREASE Jr., the son of ROBERT VANTREASE, track foreman, was selected as one of two outstanding students from Fenger High school by the Roseland Lions Club. He was presented a plaque of appreciation at a luncheon on May 23.

MARYANNE, were pleasantly surprised when Maryanne's twin sister, ANN MARIE, and her two lovely children, DOUGLAS and DANA ANNE, paid them a visit. Ann now resides in California with her husband, AL VELIKAN. Both Al and Ann are former CTA employees...Our condolences to the HEFTER family in the death of ANNETTE HEFTER, former secretary to E. E. OLMSTEAD, superintendent of engineering. Annette had 22 years of service with CTA. Also our condolences to JOHN RUZICH in the death of his wife. John is a retiree of the Engineering Department...We would like to welcome AUDREY PETERSON to our department as Mr. Olmstead's new secretary...We received a card from LOUISE SANDSTROM, a retiree of the Engineering Department, who is on a tour of the Scandanavian countries...CHRIS KALOGERAS is eagerly awaiting the sailfish he caught and had mounted in Florida. He hasn't told his wife that the living room furniture has to go...BILL HUTCHINGS and MOSES SAMSON purchased bicycles for reducing, and JOHN CHURA purchased a motorcycle. Maybe Bill and Moses can put balloons on their spokes and could start a motorcycle club, Designs Anonymous.

**(West Shops) -**

ED FOREMAN, steamfitter, JOHN UITZ, safety coordinator, and Pensioner VIC EISEMANN spent their vacations together at Hot Springs, Arkansas. I'm sure a few baths were taken, and I was told that Vic got a hole-in-one, almost. They came back a little tanned, and said they visited with ADOLPH KUTZ, Electrical Department retiree. Incidentally, Ed has since retired and we wish him good health and a long happy life. Another pensioner is P. FILL, steamfitter, who retired the same time as Ed. We also wish him good health and happiness. Come back and see us often, fellows...We are happy to see Foreman ROCKY FERRARA back to work and looking like his old self again. Stay well, Rocky...Happy to have Steamfitter Foreman BILL HASKINS back on the job. Hang in there Bill...The best of everything to JIM FLORES and his family in their new home...Foreman JIM SINCLAIR has returned from his Florida vacation and wishing that he was there again...JOE MARSZALEK spent his vacation doing all the things around the house he should have done before...LEE ANDERSON, carpenter foreman, came back from his vacation looking as brown as a bear. Wherever he went, he must have spent all his time in the sun...WALLY HALLFORD, supervisor of Mechanical Maintenance, went on a fishing trip, and I understand that the fish were really biting...Our deepest sympathy is extended to WAYNE HANSEN in the loss of his mother, and to AL GUADAGNO in the loss of his wife. I

would also like to offer my deepest sympathy to the family of ANNETTE HEFTER. I had talked to Annette for four years but never had the pleasure of meeting her. This I'm sure was my loss, for I found her to be a wonderful and pleasant person.

*- Darlene Jansen & Jennie Scott*

**FOREST GLEN -**

We recently changed bosses, Mr. DeWITT went to Limits Station. Someone was heard to say that he was talking to himself about all the coffee he had to buy because the operators at Forest Glen broke so many pars in accidents and commendations. No sooner does the new boss, Superintendent G. W. DAUBS, show up and has to buy coffee because we broke the commendation par. Let's try and get behind our new superintendent and see if we can't break both pars, accidents and commendations, in the same month and maybe he will pop for coffee and rolls. That's a great welcome to Mr. Daubs... Night Superintendent VIC JOHNSON is back from his vacation sans tan. We heard he spent it at Dear Ranch. How's the painting arm, Vic?.. Chief Clerk PINASCO was heard to say he enjoyed his vacation fishing. His catch we don't know about, but it is plain to see that he has raised a cookie duster. How does the Mrs. like it?..Clerk RAGE has returned from his vacation with a deep tan. Was that from the race track or did you get that on the beach?..Operator R. DURFEE isn't associating with the common people since he is sporting a new Oldsmobile. Don't get your whiskers caught in those automatic windows, Durf... Operator BILL WITKUS spent some time up in Canada fishing for some big walleyes. How was the catch, Bill?..Operator BOB EVARTS and his wife spent their vacation in Florida. His wife said she enjoyed it, but Bob said he didn't get enough sleep... TOM HICKEY is still working the same old run on Harlem. In fact, I noticed his running time has turned brown with age... Operator JOHN KURINEC was seen pulling 200 feet of electric cord out of his garage, and there was no lawn mower attached. Also, this is the gentleman who wore an old CTA tie to church (the old black one). Of course we know it's an old keepsake...Operator MURPHY invited all his brothers over to his girl's house for drinks, etc. Say, Murph, does she know about this?..Operator JOHN MAHNKE has returned to work as a starter and collector at Jefferson Park. He really looks good for his age...Operator JOHN FERRARO and his wife, ADA, were presented with a bouncing baby boy, JOSEPH, on May 23 weighing 6 pounds 13 ounces...Operator BILL MELFI and his wife, KATHY, recently drove down to Southern Illinois for his daughter's graduation from grammar school...Our sincerest sympathy to Operator ROBERT BAKER in the loss of his son, ROBERT...We are going to miss WILLIE and CHARLIE DIETZ who recently retired from our station...Operator ELMER STOBART's son, RICHARD, was graduated from Lane Tech High school in the top ten per cent of his class. He plans to major in medicine at Loyola university starting in September. He also won an $800 state scholarship award for four years...Retiree HARLEY HALSTED was released from the hospital recently and is confined to a wheelchair at his home in Woodruff, Wisconsin. He and his wife became great-grandparents June 1 with the birth of CLINTON TIMOTHY ACKMAN--note the initials, CTA. Another retiree, BILL GILL, and his wife, LILLIAN, recently spent two weeks with Harley.

THE HAPPY bride and groom are Mr. and Mrs. DANIEL McNAMEE who were united in holy matrimony on May 20 at Little Flower church. The bride is the former MARY CATHERINE O'CONNOR, the daughter of JOSEPH O'CONNOR, supervisor of real estate.

*- W. A. Henry* (Don't call me Wilbur)

**GENERAL OFFICE (Office Services) -**

JOHN SCHWARTZ, coordinator, flew to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, to enjoy two weeks of sunshine...We were glad to see LAVERNE SCHULTZ, clerk, back to work after surgery and looking like a "million dollars"--slimline and all.

**(Executive) -**

We were happy to see FRAN KNAUTZ return to work during July...JANE GARRITY flew to San Diego and Anaheim, California, for a week to get away from the city.

**(Medical) -**

We wish to send our get-well wishes to Dr. E. GROSS who is now home from the hospital recuperating from surgery... Your Co-reporter REGGIE DAREN, stenographer, and her husband, EDWARD, have finally settled in their new home on the far northwest side of Chicago. They have purchased a new bar and it is "open for business."..RITA WANTROBA, registered X-ray technician, spent two weeks of her vacation getting her new home in shape, and discovering the neighbors and places in Schaumburg. She sure came back to work with a beautiful tan--it probably was all play and no work...Congratulations are in order for Dr. S. D. MOSNY, medical director, who was elected president of the Chicago Society of Industrial Medicine. Keep up the good work.

**(Treasury) -**

MARYANNE MICHAUD, typist, left the services of CTA to take up household chores. Her husband, GEORGE, is a stock clerk I in the Stores Department at Skokie Shop... JEANNE LUDMANN, supervising cashier, and her husband, OSCAR (retired), flew to Europe for a month to visit with Oscar's brother. More details will be furnished about their vacation when she returns to work.

**(Insurance) -**

JOHN BOYCE, assistant superintendent of insurance and pensions, flew to Orlando, Florida, for a two-week vacation with his wife and daughter where they toured Disney World and its surroundings...It was a sight to behold when we saw WILLIAM UNWIN, captain-adjutant of the air patrol, participate in the Shriner's parade at the open house for the Shriner's hospital in Oak Park, Illinois. We missed WILLIAM ASHLEY, superintendent, who is a 1st lieutenant in Company A of the air patrol, in the parade. We later

learned the reason we missed him was because he was confined to the hospital with a back ailment. Glad to see you back in the groove, Mr. Ashley, and he wishes to extend his thanks to all for the cards and phone calls while he was off sick...We welcome back to the department, WILLIAM FINKLER, who is now fire prevention and industrial safety inspector in the department... LESTER SMITH, workman's compensation adjuster, with his son and relatives witnessed the Indianapolis stock car races over the Memorial day weekend. Much to his surprise and disappointment, the seats were located in the infield. As the autos whizzed by him he could only see one car at a time. What an experience! Lester stated he would have done better staying at home watching it from a TV set. For ten dollars a ticket, all they got from the race was the dirt and gas fumes they inhaled, to which Lester says, "Never again."..RAY CARSON, industrial safety analyst I, and his family spent their vacation driving and camping in Arizona. ..Congratulations to KATHY KOHLMANN, hospitalization clerk, who received a sparkling diamond ring from GEORGE ROBSON...RICHARD UNWIN, the son of WILLIAM T. UNWIN, supervisor of fire prevention and industrial safety, received his discharge from the U.S. Navy on May 26 after four years of service on the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Oriskany. Richard, a former temporary summer employee of CTA, is enrolled at the University of Tennessee where he will continue his studies towards his masters degree in urban planning...JEFFREY KRAMER, the son of RON KRAMER, statistical clerk III, was elected president of the Pollution Club of Nixon school, Westchester, for one year, and won first place in the pollution essay contest. He also received a plaque by a majority vote of the school as student recognition for citizenship and scholastic achievement award. Jeffrey is the grandson of Pensioner LOUIS KRAMER... We welcome back for the summer months MARY FOCHT who is giving us a helping hand...Congratulations are in order for BARBARA McNUTT, clerk-typist, who became Mrs. JOHN H. NEELAND on June 17. Mr. Neeland is a rapid transit conductor working out of 63rd and Ashland Station.

**(Reproduction Services) -**

The family of EUGENE SULLIVAN, dark room technician, known to us all as Gene, wishes to express its thanks and appreciation for the gratuity sent by his co-workers and friends. Gene is still confined to the hospital and coming along fine...ADELE MONSON, vari-typist, went on a Grecian trip with friends and was held up in Vienna due to the airline strike. What an experience!

**(Personnel) -**

On June 2, MARTIN JAMES O'SULLIVAN, the son of JOE O'SULLIVAN, was graduated from the Abraham Lincoln School of Medicine, University of Illinois College of Medicine, with a doctor of medicine degree. The graduation was held at Arie Crown theater in McCormick Place. Marty worked six summers for CTA as a conductor and trackman, and started his internship at Valley Medical Center, Fresno, California, on June 23. The hospital is connected with the Los Angeles County hospital. He will specialize in obstetrics and gynecology...ELIOTT HIRSCH retired on June 1 after more than 36 years of service. He bought a home in West Sedona, Arizona, which is between Flagstaff and Phoenix. He says he is going to spend much of his time painting--not bricks and wood, but on canvas. Eliott wants his friends at CTA to know his door will always be open for visitors. If you are out that way he wants you to stop in...KATHY FABRY is still on the sick list and would appreciate hearing from her friends at CTA...ART and BERNICE HUBACZ celebrated 32 years of wedded life on May 18. Congratulations and best wishes for many more such wonderful years together. Art returned from his vacation, and although he didn't do any traveling, he spent the time making the wedding arrangements for his son, ARTY, who arrived from the U.S. Naval Communication Station in Hawaii. The wedding took place on June 10 at Whitnall Park church in Hales Corners, Wisconsin. It was an ecumenical ceremony in that a Catholic priest and a Lutheran minister officiated. The reception was held at Clifford's in Muskego, Wisconsin. Arty and his bride, KAREN, will return to Hawaii where they will live for the next two years. Art and his wife, Bernice, are planning a trip to Hawaii during the Christmas holidays...EDNA FORD, the wife of BERNIE FORD, and their four children are vacationing at a camp on Lake Geneva where they will stay for three weeks. Bernie visits them on the weekends...JULIA and LEN LOHN celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary on June 9 by dining out in style...Congratulations go to STUART W. MAGINNIS who is now supervisor of employee development and technical training, and to BERNARD J. FORD who is now supervisor of personnel research and transportation training...BILL SHOLDICE took a three-week, 7,000-mile motor vacation through 11 states and two Canadian provinces. He stopped at many national parks and monuments in both countries and he reports that May is ideal for this type of trip because you avoid the summer crowds. Bill and his traveling companion enjoyed an unusual tour of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, including the historic Wounded Knee battlefield. While he was in Colorado, Bill stopped in Ft. Collins for a visit with Pensioner WALTER GARBUTT and his wife, BLANCHE, and their daughter, KATHY O'BRIEN, a former CTA employee. They send their best greetings to all their CTA friends... JOE O'SULLIVAN and his wife, HELEN, are busy preparing for their first visit to Ireland and London. The big trip starts on Saturday, July 8. They will be gone for three weeks...I wonder what Mr. and Mrs. FRANK JOHNSON's thoughts were when their son, BRUCE, brought home a 74 pound German Shepard dog. They already have a dog and a cat. Frank says the house is a bit crowded these days. Frank's daughter, KRIS, will spend eight weeks in Grenoble, France. Kris is a French major...On April 4

RECENTLY COMPLETING the American Red Cross "Safety on the Job" first aid course were the six West Shops employes pictured here. They are, left to right: HERMAN JOHNSON, JAMES LOWDER, JAMES AUSTIN, GEORGE BARNES and GRANVILLE CHEATHAM. Kneeling beside Red Cross model Sue Rivers is JOHN FRAZIER Jr., who had just put a practice arm sling on her.

T. F. QUINAN
44 Years

A. VIHNANEK
48 Years

S. GELLER
45 Years

J. JANKOWSKI
45 Years

A. L. TUCHOWSKI
44 Years

C. A. SCHUMAKER
41 Years

WITH COMBINED service totalling 267 years, the six employes pictured here retired during July and August with 40 or more years of service each. Starting with the CSL and CRT, their occupations were as dissimilar when they were hired as when they retired. Upon retirement, one was a design draftsman (A. Vihnanek), a claim clerk (J. Jankowski), a mail clerk (S. Geller), a switchman (A. Tuchowski), a ticket agent (T. Quinan), and a lineman (C. Schumaker).

JOSEPH P. BARO, Machinist Foreman, Skokie Shop, Emp. 10-25-33
THOMAS BARRY, Stationary Engineer, South Shops, Emp. 2-18-42
FRANK J. BARTUSIAK, Conductor, West Section, Emp. 1-15-46
CHARLES B. BATTERSON, District Supt., Operations Control, Emp. 12-17-26
EUGENE H. BEEBE, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 5-13-47
HENRY W. BROADWELL, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 10-15-41
JOHN CURRAN, Bus Repairer, 52nd Street, Emp. 2-24-41
JOSEPH M. DESPARTE, Operator, North Park, Emp. 6-1-34
EDWIN D. DOWLING, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 3-5-34
EDWARD J. DUSZAK, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 10-14-42
EVERETT E. ENGLAND, Clerk, Skokie Shop, Emp. 4-12-37
EDWARD J. FOREMAN, Steamfitter, Engineering, Emp. 11-11-36
ARTHUR E. FRANK, Chauffeur, Utility, Emp. 6-7-38
SOL GELLER, Mail Clerk, Office Services, Emp. 2-28-27
PATRICK B. GILL, Steamfitter, Engineering, Emp. 9-19-44
FRANK E. GRIES, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 2-24-43
THOMAS J. GUERIN, Collector, 77th Street, Emp. 8-13-41
HILDING R. HAGSTROM, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 1-15-34
CLEVELAND HOSCH, Operator, 52nd Street, Emp. 1-16-51
THOMAS J. HURLEY, Janitor, North Section, Emp. 3-17-37

at the International Amphitheatre, ERVIN HARRIS entered his English Springer spaniel, Bristol, in the novice "A" obedience competition, finishing in second place and receiving his companion dog title. Erv's dog is now officially recognized by the American Kennel Club as "Lord Byron of Barlew C.D."..CYNTHIA SPARROW, clerk II, became Mrs. WILLIAM SYKORA on May 27 in ceremonies at Calvary Reformed church, which was followed by a reception at Nielsen's Nordic restaurant. The couple honeymooned in Acapulco, Mexico.

**(Public Information) -**

If you felt a slight tremor in the building on June 16, it wasn't "Big Murph" doing her push-ups, even though she was in the position to do them. Get well, Murph. We would have thought your mother had told you to watch out for live wires...A proud grandfather is RUSS WARNSTEDT, coordinator of the Employee Suggestion Plan. Just recently his oldest grandson, SCOTT ALTMAYER, was graduated with honors from Frost Elementary school in Hoffman Estates, and earned citations in basketball and wrestling. The same week Scott's sister, PATTY, was graduated from the Sears Charm school. Both events sort of overshadowed the 36th wedding anniversary of Russ and his wife, RUTH. Next item on the agenda is a trip to Italy by their daughter, ROBERTA, and her husband, FRANK, and their two sons, VINCENT and RICHARD. Another granddaughter, KRIS WARNSTEDT, had her tonsils and adenoids removed--so you can see there is never a dull moment in this family.

**(Research & Planning) -**

Congratulations to our former boss, GEORGE KRAMBLES, on his promotion to operating manager. It's a well-earned promotion and we will miss you in R/P. Good luck to you in your new position...Transpo '72 was a big attraction for Research/Planning people DICK BRAZDA, DAVE PHILLIPS and BOB VANCE. From the stacks of literature they brought back with them, we're betting they visited every exhibit there. Tiltman-Langley, General Motors, Sundberg-Ferar, Ford ACT, and many other exhibits were viewed during their stay at Transpo. Dave also went to Haddonfield, New Jersey, where he took a look at their dial-a-bus facilities, spent some time touring New York City's subway system, and visited with his family in Boston...BILL GOODWIN spent his one-week vacation at Lake Thunderhead, Missouri, with his father-in-law, FELIX, brother-in-law, ROBERT, and SAL, RICH and GUS, all of Forest Glen. Bill caught a three pound bass, and the other members of his group caught a few fish but said it wasn't worth mentioning in the news...GEORGE MACAK spent his two-week vacation touring Vienna, Austria, Prague, Czechoslovakia, and a few other cities in Europe. One of the places George stayed at was called the Golden Goose, where he enjoyed eating roast goose, dumplings and sauer-

# NEW PENSIONERS

JOHN JANKOWSKI, Blind Case Clerk, Claim, Emp. 8-26-26
CHARLES E. KEISER, Operating Manager, Operations, Emp. 6-15-36
EDWARD KRASULA, Truck Repairman, South Shops, Emp. 10-17-44
OBIE B. LUDLOW, Laborer, Stores, Emp. 7-18-51
PATRICK J. MASTERSON, Janitor, West Section, Emp. 11-22-43
GEORGE I. McLELLAN, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 2-3-43
JAMES C. MORRIS, Ticket Agent, South Section, Emp. 3-12-51
JOHN W. MUELLNER, Garage Supervisor, South Shops, Emp. 2-23-36
DUNCAN MURRAY, Stock Clerk II, Stores, Emp. 11-6-45
MAURICE G. O'CONNOR, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 2-25-37
WESLEY F. OGLESBY, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 8-30-62
JOHN J. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Supervisor, District A, Emp. 4-22-37
RICHARD C. PEISKER, Operator, Limits, Emp. 5-6-47
WILLIAM J. PENDLETON, Traffic Checker, Schedule & Traffic, Emp. 5-8-41
FRANK P. PIKCUNAS, Bus Repairer, 77th Street, Emp. 5-8-42
THOMAS F. QUINAN, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 4-7-28
PETER J. RAPPOLD, Bus Repairer, 77th Street, Emp. 4-14-49
JOSEPH R. ROCHOWIAK, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 8-25-37
ARTHUR B. SCHNEE, Operator, Keeler, Emp. 11-28-42
CHARLES A. SCHUMAKER, Lineman, Electrical, Emp. 11-24-30
JAMES STEWART, Operator, 69th Street, Emp. 7-16-52
JOHN G. TAYLOR, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 7-28-44
BERNARD J. TOAL, Operator, Electrical, Emp. 7-26-43
PETER P. TROJAN, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 11-4-43
ALOYSIUS L. TUCHOWSKI, Switchman, West Section, Emp. 3-14-28
EDWARD A. VANEK, Collector, 77th Street, Emp. 10-29-53
ANTON VIHNANEK, Design Draftsman I, Equip. Research & Development, Emp. 9-6-23
JOSEPH A. WHALEN, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 1-25-51

### DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

HENRY J. DeMANUELE, Operator, Beverly, Emp. 1-19-61
SAM H. ISON, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 5-22-58
MARGARET M. McBRIDE, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 3-9-51
WILLIAM K. MOBLEY, Operator, 69th Street, Emp. 3-19-46
LOUIS RICCIARDI, Car Repairman A, Congress, Emp. 1-17-49
HARVEY M. SHEPARD, Towerman, North Section, Emp. 7-11-52
CLARENCE W. SINES, Operator, Limits, Emp. 11-30-44
ROBERT SMITH, Operator, Lawndale, Emp. 12-9-57

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kraut. While there, George visited relatives and friends, and of course took advantage of riding Europe's transit systems...FRANK MISEK returned from his lecture-study tour of Europe, sponsored through Carnegie-Mellon university's professional program in urban transportation. He said it was a heck of a lot of work and he had to be on his toes all the time, but it was well worth the effort. Perhaps when Frank is over his cold and sore throat, he'll be able to show us some of the photos and give us his own lecture on his tour of Europe.

*- Regina Daren & Eileen Neurauter*

**KEELER -**

Hi all you nice people, 'tis ye olde scribe again just bursting with exuberance that only this lovely Chicago weather can instill in a person. I know you feel the same as I and I'm also sure we share another mutual feeling of vacation anticipation...Before we get too carried away with our emotional vagaries, let's meet our new station superintendent, Mr. L. KEAG. A real nice fellow and the only welcoming gift he asks of the fellows is a long record-breaking string of zeroes on the accident chart, plus an overload of commendations. Welcome aboard, Mr. Keag, that gift is coming up posthaste...We always consider it a pleasure when we receive visits from our retirees. Former Chief Clerk ELMER RIEDEL dropped in to cast his vote in our recent election. Elmer looked as though he could play nine innings of baseball at shortstop...RAY WISHNER brought greetings by the station for all the fellows. Ray was pulled away from Pompano Beach, Florida, to attend a family wedding here...JOHN WALTHIER sent us a card from Clearwater Beach, Florida. Funny that the first thing John mentioned was eating and the card depicted a fabulous restaurant. Guess that shows his main interest, though we expected bathing beauties...I can hardly wait until Operator MOLENDA retires some years hence. Molenda is a swinging bachelor, so I know we'll get some dandy post cards...Speaking of retirees, by the time you read this epistle, we will have lost our good Board Member ART SCHNEE to that elite group. Art confided to your scribe that the thought of retiring June 30 actually brought tears to his eyes--tears of joy, that is. Art, here's hoping that you and the Mrs. enjoy a year for each man you've represented over the years. . . Our newly-elected board member is Operator H. BROWNING. We would have gotten a statement from our new representative, but he's gone fishing. So, fellows, don't have any problems for at least two weeks...Fishing reminds me of Operator FILIPEK who's been bending everyone's ear with his Waltonian exploits. Seems that Filipek caught more fish his last outing than he has in many years combined. Filipek wouldn't bring any of his catch to any of his buddies he mooched

WEDDING BELLS rang for LOIS and HENRY BOOMER Jr. on May 20 at St. Viator's Catholic church. The bride is the former LOIS MOLLENKAMP of the Employe Suggestion System. Her father, WILLIAM J. MOLLENKAMP, is a mobile bus repairer working out of Limits Garage.

fish off of, he kept both of them himself...Operators W. BUNKER, W. McCLAIN, S. BARATH and A. SEGAR received exceptional courtesy citations this month...A special citation also to Operator CHARLES LEE. On May 6, he's had lovely MARNA LEE as his steadying force for five years...Operator L. C. JONES and his wife, EVELYN, are still honeymooning after 11 years on June 27...Meanwhile, down at the garage, Night Foreman FRED SCHMIDT and his wife, ELEANORE, were given the red carpet treatment by their sons and their wives, DONALD and DARLENE and BILL and ANNIE. The party given for Mom and Dad was attended by 60 friends and relatives...Say, gang, did you know that Box Puller WHITEY SZYMELL once played on the Cardinals Minor League team back in '35? Maybe that's why Whitey is buying property in Arizona, so he can start his own farm team. In the meantime, Whitey, let's wish your daughter, CAROLE, happy birthday on June 11, your son, DON, received greetings June 12, and your daughter-in-law celebrated June 20. Whitey's Mrs., HELEN, received plaudits for keeping an old "foul ball" around for 34 years, June 25. Congratulations, all!..June birthday salutations are extended to Operators GORDON, BANKS, WHITE, PURITT, AYERS, JARVIS, JANITO, CHRISTENS, McGHEE, RICHARD, FREY, WASHINGTON, JASEK, POWELL, TYSON and LEE...A special happy birthday to our No. 1 custodial engineer, SY GOLDMAN, June 20...Lest I forget (ha ha) many happy returns to my VIRGIL on June 24. Virg and I were proud as all get-out to see our youngest daughter, DENISE, receive her bachelor of science degree in education on June 19. Now, maybe she can teach her old man something...Our baseball team is in its rebuilding phase this year, but just wait until next year...In retrospect—a thought for parents everywhere: There is just as much authority in the family today as there ever was--only now the children exercise it.

*- Ernest C. Carter*

**KEDZIE -**

Congratulations to Superintendent G. DAUBS who has been promoted to station superintendent at Forest Glen. I'm sure you'll like your new station, Mr. Daubs, but you'll sure be missed at Kedzie. Mrs. DAUBS, we send you our best from Kedzie...We welcome Superintendent A. TABEL who has been appointed assistant superintendent at Kedzie. Mr. Tabel is no stranger, he was our relief superintendent. ..I'm sorry I'm late on this--congratulations to T. J. HEFFERNAN who was re-elected president of the Illinois Credit Union League for a second term. Ted is treasurer of the Kedzie Station credit union...I've received a letter from Pensioner SID ENGELHARD. Sid and his wife recently celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary. The Engelhards went to Carbondale, Illinois, to visit their daughter and son-in-law, who was graduated and is going to teach at a Catholic college in Vermont, Illinois. Sid said this was all possible through working for CTA, and he enjoyed working at Kedzie for 27 years. Sid sends his best to all...I saw Retired Operator BERLIN who looks real good. His wife's been ill, but he says she's getting along fine, and thanks all who asked about her...We're sorry to say that Operator J. RICHARDSON's wife suffered a heart attack. Mrs. RICHARDSON was in Walter Memorial hospital, and is now home. We wish you a speedy recovery, Mrs. Richardson!.. Your reporter's wife is in St. Ann's hospital undergoing a series of tests to find the cause of her migraine headaches. I hope they can find a way to relieve her pain...I was surprised to hear that District C Supervisor J. GILLIS was hospitalized for an operation. Mr. Gillis and I have been friends for a long time, and I'm happy to say he's back on the job now...Our deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. D. KISSANE in the loss of Mr. Kissane's mother-in-law, Mrs. LIMA W. NASTOLI, who passed away June 20. Also to Operator J. BAKER, whose mother passed away on June 15... Don't forget your credit union. Save a little each payday, so we can help a brother in need.

*- Raymond Graham*

**LAWNDALE -**

Hello again fellows. Yes, I know it's been a long time since you've heard from me, but I'm still around. I received a card recently from a former operator and now supervisor, ERNIE THOMATIS, who spent a few days in New York and New Jersey. Also received a card from the three musketeers of the repair department, MIKE WEAVER, PETE SHARP and JERRY JONES who all visited Pennsylvania together...Congratulations to Board Member EARL H. WASHINGTON on his recent victory to retain his seat as station representative of Lawndale...Our condolences are extended to Instructor JAMES FULLER and his family in the recent passing of his brother; to Operator STANELY HYERCZYK in the passing of his sister, and to Operator L. C. McCLELLAN in the recent passing of his stepmother...On June 9, Operator JOHN L. FEARS Jr. and his family departed Lawndale and Chicago for their new home in Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. Good luck to you, John... On June 1 Operator HARRY LUKA retired after 27 years of service. Good luck on your retirement, Harry...On May 1 Operator JOHN PATER retired after 24 years of service. Good luck to you also, John, on your retirement...Operator BENNY ROGERS finally broke down and bought himself a new ride, and Operator JESSE MOORE gave up his ride for a Honda motor bike. Jesse said it's time for the bicycle riders of Lawndale to keep up with him. Incidentally, the Bicycle club meets every Saturday at Central and Harrison. ..Personnel on the Courtesy Caravan Club this month are: TOMMIE HARPER and ERNIE SHIELDS for exceptional courtesy, and THOMAS HOUSTON for consideration of intending passengers. Congratulations to these outstanding employees...Former Operator JERRY NECHANICKY is now a janitor on the North Side. Good luck, Jerry...As of this writing Clerk BILL KELLY is still in the hospital. Our prayers are with you, Bill, and we'll be looking for your speedy recovery. Other personnel on our sick list this

month are: Assistant Shop Foreman TONY KASMAN, and Operators R. L. McCOY, JOE JAMISON, HAYWARD BORDERS, ELMER SHAW, WALTER JENTSCH, MILO MYERS and PETE MOLFESE...Birthday greetings are extended to the following: L. MARCINEK, P. HODUL, M. WEAVER, R. GOINS, A. HOTKO, R. G. FRENETTE, F. LESZCZYNSKI, H. J. LUKA, G. T. MATHEWS, E. H. WASHINGTON, E. P. JONES, J. H. McGHEE, R. B. FENRICK, F. FARRELLY, S. HARDY, W. LAMAR, L. A. KRAHULA, L. C. McCLELLAN, R. E. AUSTIN, W. WHERRY, B. C. BROWN, A. L. TURNER, E. G. WHEAT, P. IVORY, R. A. WALTON, W. H. JACKSON, C. CARTER, A. WILSON, L. G. DAWKINS, A. MARTIN, R. CULLAR, R. L. HUGHES, C. SMITH, J. JOHNSON, W. J. HARRINGTON, C. DIXON, R. L. SAMPSON, E. H. DILLINGHAM, J. C. JEFFERSON, J. AUGUSTA, R. WRIGHT, J. K. ALLEN, F. L. CROSBY, L. L. CLEMONS, D. BOWIE, W. S. RICKS, C. W. CHAMBERS, W. A. EMBRY and D. A. EVANS...Station Superintendent JACK MORRIS just returned from a trip to sunny Florida. Returning with a deep tan, Mr. Morris said that he played life guard for his great-granddaughter...Others on vacation at this time are: Repairmen MICK MAGLIANO, JOE WOJACK and JIMMY BALCAUSKI, Operators CALVIN SMITH, GEORGE BRICHACEK, ROBERT ROSS and CLEM KACZOROWSKI...Well gents that's all for this month, so until next month play the game with safety.

*- James Marshall*

**LIMITS -**

Operator RICHARD PEISKAR went on pension July 1 after 25 years of service. Peiskar, an ardent fisherman, is looking forward to many happy days at his favorite sport. A party was held in his honor, given by the men at Limits, and a good time was had by all...Operators OTIS MOORE and F. MARTIN caught a 13-pound northern pike up in Madison, Wisconsin, during the month of June...Repairman GEORGE KADERABEK, a member of Sport Fishing Unlimited, had a very successful weekend. He and his three fishing partners made a joint effort to win a third place trophy and a monetary award in the Midwest Open Fishing Tournament held in the Chain-of-Lakes region. Congratulations...Clerk JOHN WISE became a grandfather for the seventh time when his son, DENNIS, and daughter-in-law, JO ANNE, presented the family with a handsome baby boy named MATTHEW. Congratulations to the proud parents and also to grandpa...Congratulations to RICHARD GOLD who was elected as Division 241 board member for the Limits Garage. We know he will fill the shoes of our former board member, EDWARD DAPPEN, to the best of his ability. Congratulations...Pensioner RANDOLPH GLEFKE paid a visit to the Limits Garage during the month of June. He looks good and is in the best of health. Recently he and his dear wife celebrated their 46th year of marital bliss. He has five grandchildren with two granddaughters married. His son, HOWARD, is a maintenance engineer for the Edison company in Kincaid, Illinois...Pensioner HARRY GOTTSTEIN also paid a visit to Limits. He is enjoying his pension to the fullest and is in robust health...Operators STEPHENS and LUKA took their pensions on June 1 after many years of service. Both men plan on touring the good old U.S.A. to see the sights...Pensioner LEONARD URBAN and his wife spent an enjoyable evening with Operator LUCAS DANIELE and his wife at a favorite restaurant of his in Chicago. He sends his best regards to all of the men at Limits...We welcome M. DeWITT as superintendent at Limits. He reports he is happy to be back...Operator FINOCHIO was confined in St. Joseph hospital where he underwent surgery. He is happy to be home after a month-long siege...Our sincerest sympathy to the families of WILLIAM CALDERWOOD, former superintendent at Limits, and Box Puller HARRY TILK who passed away during the month of June.

*- R. S. Benson*

**LOOP -**

The gang at Douglas Office was very happy when Retired Superintendent RALPH DeMARIA paid a visit. Mr. DeMaria came to show them his brand new Cadillac. He is looking great and everyone was very happy to see and chat with him...On May 25 Agent IRWIN WIECZOREK and his wife celebrated 32 years of wedded bliss. Congratulations and may you enjoy many more to come. Irwin celebrated his sixth anniversary as a ticket agent on May 21. Also in the month of May, Irwin's youngest daughter, THERESA, was elected to the St. Stanislaus Kostka High school honor society...Our sincere sympathy to the family of Trainman RAYMOND (Tiny) ROBERTSON; Agent K. McKENNY in the loss of her sister, and to the family of RALPH TRIMARCO, who passed away on June 4. Deepest sympathy also to the families of SHIRLEY JONES and Former Student Agent MIKE KUBLICK, both of whom passed away recently...No wonder Agent BILL PFIEFFER is so thin and shapely. We caught him feeding his lunch to a cute little lost puppy who found his way into Bill's station at Irving Park on the Kennedy. What a softy!..Proud daddy, Agent WALTER SATSULAS, tells us his daughter, CHARLENE, was graduated on May 28 from North Park college. Charlene took off for Florida the following day for a much-deserved vacation. The youngest daughter, MARLENE, was graduated from Rezin Orr High school on June 4. Congratulations to both girls, and to mom and dad who made it possible. Walter had a ten-day honey-do vacation and accomplished a lot around the house, which made the Mrs. very happy...JOHN ZUPKO Jr., the son of Superintendent JOHN ZUPKO, was graduated from Kilmer Grammar school on June 2. He will be attending Lane Tech in the fall. Congratulations...We had the pleasure of visiting with Retired Agent BEULAH FIELDS and must say she looks great. Beulah says hello to all her friends...Agent MORA HAASE says thanks to all for their cards during her illness and hospitalization. Mora is doing very well and we hope to see her back soon.

SEALING THE bonds of holy matrimony on June 10 at St. Alphonsus Catholic church were Mr. and Mrs. PAUL C. JANKOWSKI. The bride is the former INGRID M. BOES of the Public Information Department, and Paul is a signal maintainer in the Electrical Department.

..Agent OPAL YORK crammed a lot of fun into a one-week vacation. She visited in Minnesota and then went on to Wisconsin. She came back to work looking tired, but she says it was a happy tired...Agent JOHN WOODS spends his spare time figuring out pension points for himself and his friends. Got quite a few years to go yet, John?..Janitor FRANK CULL on the Kennedy was down on his knees polishing escalators and really putting muscle into the job. Frank says he is looking forward to his vacation this year, since he has a new boat and plans to really have fun on it. Frank really does a thorough job on his stations, and we hope he really has a nice, restful vacation...Agent MINNIE DIKEMAN and Retired Agent MARION KAAD were selling tags for Donut Day. The Salvation Army is very lucky to have these girls working for them; come rain or shine, they always show up to do their bit...Agent HATTIE ROHR has been looking extremely cool, calm and collected lately. And why not? Hattie is really enjoying the comfort from the new air conditioner she received as a Mother's day gift from her children...If you pass through Agent CHESTER GAVIN's station and see his eyes closed, he's really not sleeping--he's meditating...Chief Clerk JOHN HANNING is back to work after his recent illness, and is looking just great...Agent MARY BURROWS and her sister "tripped" to Ireland and England to visit with cousins they hadn't seen in 38 years. The girls had a marvelous time even though the weather was rainy and cold...Little PATTY ANN DEMPSEY, the granddaughter of Co-reporter MILDRED DOYLE, gave the family reason to chuckle when she was graduated from kindergarten in May. Patty said, "The teacher graduated me with high honors because she was so glad to get rid of me." Gram and Grampa DOYLE find that hard to believe... When Agent JULIE MATTRAN's family took her out to dinner for Mother's day, their entrance into the restaurant caused quite a stir as all eyes were upon them. Julie can't help wondering if it was her lovely grandchildren, or the fact that both her husband and son were wearing casts on their legs. We're sure it was the former, Julie...Retired Agent MARGIE WHITE writes that she is well and happily enjoying her retirement in Ireland. She says she would like to be remembered to all and sends her love...Agent BOBBIE DUBOSE spent a one-week vacation in Mississippi. She had a great visit and hated to leave. That's life, Bobbie. Next year will be here in no time so save your money for another trip...Congratulations are in order for Agent SIDNEY R. TURNER and his wife, who welcomed RONALD CLAYTON TURNER into this world at 9:28 P.M. on June 11. Weighing 5 pounds 9 ounces and measuring 19 inches, he arrived at Chicago Lying-In hospital on the first day of daddy's vacation. Such a considerate child! Agent WILLIAM O. HOOKS Jr. has the honor of being godfather to little Ronald...Loop Agent JOHN DALY went to Europe during July with his brother and sister-in-law. We hope it was an exciting adventure and everyone had a good time...Agent JUNE BAREKMAN will leave in August for a trip to Salt Lake City, Utah, and then on to Las Vegas. We know June will have fun--doesn't she always? June had the pleasure of running into one of our former ticket agents, MARY WILLIAMS. Mary left CTA seven years ago and is now employed by American Airlines. She asked to be remembered and sends greetings to all her CTA friends...Agent CHARLIE VLASEK is back from a back-breaking vacation after painting his house inside and out...Co-reporter MILDRED DOYLE attended a Cub Scout pow-wow on June 17 at Revis Park school. Her two little grandsons were entered in the Pinewood Derby. Everyone was dressed in colorful Indian costumes and a great time was had by all...Welcome to the following new student agents: KEVIN RUSSELL, LLOYD MANNING, MARC MELTZER, JOHN JOHNSON and KENNETH WILLIAMS. Hope you all enjoy your new jobs... In closing, we would like to wish many happy years of retirement to Operating Manager CHARLES E. KEISER. Mr. Keiser retired July 1 after 36 years with CTA and the Chicago Surface Lines. Mr. Keiser, a widely known transportation expert, has served as a consultant to transit designers and systems in San Francisco and Philadelphia...Keep smiling.

*- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wixted*

**MILWAUKEE, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -**

Congratulations to Janitor DAVE JOHNSON on being the recipient of the Superior Public Service Award. We should have more employees like him...It looks like we have another little leaguer in the JOHN ZUPKO family, his two-year old son, DAVID PAUL, made three hits the other day. Mr. Zupko's other two sons are in the little league. JOHN ZUPKO Jr., 14, is attending summer school at the University of Illinois Foreign Language Institute. Mr. Zupko had three days off to celebrate his birthday on Father's day... Loop Janitor JOHN DOOREY is spending his vacation driving through the Rocky Mountains and visiting Yellowstone National park with his family...Assignment Agent LILLIAN CULLINAN is spending her vacation driving to Cape Cod, Maine; Provincetown, Vermont; New Hampshire and Upper New York state. Lil is taking her sisters, MARGARET and NOREEN, and her brother-in-law, JOHN BERRY, who is a South Side clerk. Have fun all of you!.. Your co-reporter, KATY MORIARTY, spent her one-week vacation just enjoying that good old polluted Chicago air. She did spend a few cold days in Wisconsin. Brrr!..VICTOR SZYMKEWICZ, who was a bus operator at 77th Street and came on as an agent in February, went into the hospital May 16 for spinal surgery. He is back to work now with a neck collar. Let's hope his troubles are over...MIKE VELTRI is making an extensive tour of the western states for three weeks...Janitor GOVAN was in the hospital for ten days but is back on the job now...Happy birthday to JUANITA EDEN, June 12, MARY WIXTED, June 15, and to all who had an anniversary or birthday in June...Condolences are extended to the family of Agent SHIRLEY JONES, who passed away on June 13...HAROLD and DORTHIE THOMPSON moved into their new home on May 24. Harold is a bus operator on 69th Street, and Dorthie is a ticket agent. Good luck in your new home, folks...Agent EFFIE ALEXANDER's oldest daughter was graduated from Arkansas State college

SYLVIA MILLS, the daughter of Foreman and Mrs. CLARENCE T. MILLS, Lawndale, was recently graduated from Westinghouse High school and was the recipient of a Mayor Richard J. Daley Youth Foundation scholarship. She also received a congratulatory letter from the Mayor and was invited to attend a luncheon with him and other Chicago leaders at the Drake hotel.

THIS HANDSOME young lad is DAVID PAUL ZUPKO, the son of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN ZUPKO. David's dad is superintendent of agents and janitors at Lake Street and Jefferson Park terminals.

on May 11. She's a registered nurse. Her son, FELIX, won second place in track and was graduated from grammar school...SHARON LOVE and her son plan to vacation at the Wisconsin Dells for two weeks in June... Student Agent WES SMITH was graduated from North Park college in May and plans to go to the Seminary for four years and work as a part-time agent. Wes was married to RUTH ANN BILLINGS on June 14 and took a five-day honeymoon. Good luck and happiness to you both... West Section's LARRY MORELAND was married to LINDA REYNOLDS on June 17 at Humboldt Park Methodist church. May your years together be happy ones...Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. FRANK PATTERSON who were married on June 10. DELORES WILLIAMS PATTERSON is a West Section agent, and Frank is a bus driver out of North Park Station...Congratulations to North Side Agent MARY RAGO, formerly of the West Section, who was married June 17...Student Agent BILLY LAMAR, president of the Black Chorus of U.I.I.C., will be attending a gospel convention in Los Angeles the third week in August...Still on the sick list are: MARIAN HANNING, DOROTHY FORD, ELEANOR HASBROUCK, WILBUR STRASSER and JOHN MATUJEWSKI. Hope you all have a speedy recovery...Congratulations to GERALDINE LOMAX and PAT GRIFFIN who qualified as assignment agents...Student Agent JAMES HENDERSON was graduated in June and went to the Research/Planning Department. Good luck, Jim...Congratulations to former West Section Agents JOHN VITTOE and CHRISTINE STUPKA, who will be married in July. Good luck and hope you have many happy years together...Student Agent HERBERT and DIANE JACKSON celebrated their second wedding anniversary on June 8...Agent FRED FRIEB and his lovely wife, BETTY, vacationed throughout Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma. They saw Six Flags of the Midwest and the Black Madonna in Eureka, Missouri. Then a visit with his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, TONY and DOROTHY RUSH, who own an antique store in Joplin. In LaMar, Missouri, they visited the house where former President Harry S. Truman was born. A bad cold for Fred the last week of vacation was the only setback, but he's back at work now feeling fine.

*- Grace Mounts & Katy Moriarty*

**NORTH AVENUE -**

The golden wedding anniversary celebration of Pensioner BERNARD CALLAHAN and his wife was just as happy as I'm sure that original day was 50 years ago. A lovely marriage ceremony was held at St. Cornelius church followed by a fun reception. Barney and his bride led off the dancing with the zest they had 50 years ago, to the strains of "The Blue Skirt Waltz." The dinner was delicious and we all had a wonderful time. We have been invited to their diamond anniversary in 1997. At the reception I visited with Pensioner MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM and his wife, CATHERINE. She was once with the CSL Insurance Department. They invited me to their golden wedding celebration on June 16, but not this year. This is their 38th anniversary, but I have a standing invitation for 12 years from now. That will give me time to think about what to get them for a gift. I also had a chat with JOHN RUDDEL, North Avenue repair department, and his better half. Mrs. HUGH PETTIGREW, the wife of Pensioner HUGH PETTIGREW of Mt. Plymouth, Florida, also attended the celebration...Operator ERNEST POMMERENING enjoyed a Hawaiian vacation. He visited several of the islands and saw the Orchid Farm luau...Recently I met Pensioners HENRY KUPCZYK, ALFRED HALE, JOHN SENKO, AUGIE JOHNSON, WILLIAM MORAN and ERNEST BOCK; they all look fit and happy...A letter from Pensioner BILL ECHOLS tells us that he is at home now but still not feeling too well. We hope he will be feeling better very soon...Pensioner VIGGO WINDFELD writes us that he and his spouse spent the Memorial day weekend in Harrisburg, Illinois, where their son, who was killed in service, is buried. They also visited relatives. He reports the passing of Pensioner HERMAN NEELY at Eldorado... Pensioner LARS PEARSON and his wife, ANNA, tell us that they celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary. Lars has been busy helping his family at their resort. The lake fishing has been bad, but he had some luck at White River. ..Pensioner NEIL CARTER, formerly of Kedzie Depot, has moved into his new home and is busy unpacking. I know how he feels, because I've been doing the same thing. He bought a car and is enjoying it. His address is 517 E. Cook Street, Portage, Wisconsin 53901... Our sympathy to the family of former Operator SAM KELLY who passed away May 25. Also to Pensioner ART MOILANEN in the loss of his mother, LENA MOILANEN, 89 years old. We are saddened to report the passing of CATALINA AMOS, the wife of Operator AARON AMOS and the mother of DAVID AMOS. I've known this fine and lovely lady for a long time. She was a loving wife and mother, and because of the years she gave Aaron and David, their lives will be forever enriched. She was young, and she hadn't finished raising her fine son of whom she was so proud. God had a reason for taking her so soon and we know she is happy with Him. May the loved ones of these departed find comfort in the words of Jesus, "I go to prepare a place for you that where I am, there ye may be also."..Clerk WAYNE MIEDEMA and that lovely gal, BONNIE, who puts up with him, will celebrate their fifth wedding anniversary August 5. Clerk BILL MIEDEMA, Forest Glen, and his sweetheart, JACKIE, celebrated their sixth wedding anniversary on June 2 with a vacation down Dixie way...Pensioner VIGGO WINDFELD celebrated his 64th birthday on May 28. His brother, Pensioner AXEL WINDFELD, celebrated his 83rd. Axel is now living in New Jersey.

A great big HELLO to everyone, from everywhere. Supposing we start this month off by congratulating all those folks who have become another year older, although all of us are rather reluctant to admit to any such thing. Number one on our list is Clerk ART ECKER who celebrated his (?) birthday on June 6. His birth certificate was one of the last

PEEKING FROM beneath her covers is pretty little JULIA ANN ZIGMOND, the four-month old granddaughter of Schedule Man FRANK BUGLIO at North Park Garage.

to be carved on stone. We'll start off the month of August with ESTHER MOSER, the wife of Superintendent BILL MOSER, Archer Station. We hope we're the first to send our best wishes to MARGE CHAMBERLAIN, the lovely wife of Assistant Superintendent WARD CHAMBERLAIN. It seems this little gal isn't any better at remembering dates than her hubby is. Last but not least we'll head down to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and share a piece of birthday cake with Pensioner ROLLIE HEAD. This just about rounds out his first year of retirement...We have several couples who are celebrating anniversaries of wedded bliss, and all of them are looking forward to many, many more. Maybe the Fourth of July wasn't declared a national holiday just because custodian JOHN MARECEK and his Mrs. decided to get married on that date 36 years ago, but it's sure nice to know that everyone celebrates on your anniversary. Now I'm wondering what could be done with July 30. That would help certain people remember the 29th anniversary of Assistant Superintendent WARD CHAMBERLAIN and his wife, MARGE. Instructor MARVIN KOCAR and his wife, PEGGY, will celebrate their 17th on August 10. Haven't heard from the young KOCARS in a long while. Operator FRANK KOLCZ and his Mrs. observed their 35th way back on May 15. Sorry we got this item so late, but it won't happen next year...Our most sincere sympathy is extended to the families of the following: Retired Superintendents ELMER BALFANZ and WILLIAM CALDERWOOD, and Custodian WALTER JANAS. These people will all be missed from our daily lives. Also to Clerk ED WITEK in the loss of his nephew...Amongst our vacationers is our number one custodian, JACK AMBROGIO, and his Mrs., who headed for California with one of their grandsons. I'll bet they do this just so Jack can get to go to Disneyland again...My wife, VIRGINIA, and I blazed a trail down to the Ozarks that was followed by Instructor ED JURSZAK and his Mrs. The month of August will find most of the JACK HESTER family heading for the State of Virginia. That state's motto is: "Virginia is for Lovers." How about that!..Operator FRANK SMITH and his beloved left their little ERICA ANN with grandma while they hopped a jet for Japan...Mr. and Mrs. ENGSTROM, the daughter and son-in-law of Instructor MIKE LACRIOLA and his wife, JEAN, became the proud parents of MICHAEL BARNARD on May 21. Little Mike weighed in at just a little over 8 pounds and was 21 inches long. Grandma and grandpa Lacriola are two of the happiest grandparents you ever saw. It was just a week later, on May 29, that Jean celebrated her birthday. For that, our belated congratulations...Some familiar faces seen around the station on election day were: ART OLSEN, RAY EBEL, JOHN SENKO, and last, but not least, JOHN NOLAN who is well on the road to recovery...Tuesday, May 30, was a big day in the life of Chief Clerk FRED MURBARGER, who retired after 45½ years of service with CSL and CTA. A surprise luncheon was held at the station in his honor that was attended by just about everyone you can think of. Food for the occasion was prepared and served by my better half, VIRGINIA, who in everybody's opinion, did a grand job. The monetary gift that was presented to Fred will go a long way towards buying gas for his trip to Las Vegas. Oh, yes, the party was complete with a gate crasher. An operator whose initials are D.M.S...One other fellow who earned a well deserved pension was Operator F. BJORNSON...See you all purty soon.

*- William Miedema & Walter Blix*

**NORTH PARK -**

We at North Park would like to extend our congratulations to the newly-elected union officials, and to our board members, HOMER REED and JACK BRECKENRIDGE, and wish them success in their future endeavors...Mrs. BETTY VON SCHWEDLER, the wife of Operator FRANK VON SCHWEDLER, had major surgery at Resurrection hospital and at this writing is recuperating satisfactorily...Operator PETER WILLEMSEN became a father for the third time when his wife gave birth to a daughter, LISA MARIA, born on April 20 at Ravenswood hospital weighing 8 pounds 10 ounces... Operator RICHARD HONIG became a father for the third time when his wife, MAYRA, gave birth to a son, RICHARD LEE Jr., born April 24 at Ravenswood hospital weighing 9 pounds 4 ounces...Operator JOHN KLOSS became a father for the first time when his wife, KATHY, gave birth to a daughter named KIMBERLY JOY on May 5 at Evanston hospital weighing 6 pounds 2 ounces. Kimberly's grandfather is Pensioner PETE KLOSS, formerly of Forest Glen Station... PATRICIA ANN PETERS, the daughter of Operator DALE and SUE PETERS, was married on Saturday, April 29, to PETER R. PARENTI at Northwest Church of Christ. The reception was held at Antoines Hall on Elston avenue and 175 guests attended. The young couple honeymooned at Miami Beach, Florida... Operator BILL SEUFFER was married on May 27 to Miss DEBORAH GRAMMAR at the Philadelphia church on North Clark street. The reception was held at the VFW Hall, 4708 North Kedzie avenue and was attended by 75 guests, including Operators JOHN WINKLER, JACK TOMASEK, FRED HECKMAN and their wives...DARLENE PEDERSEN, the daughter of Operator LARS PEDERSEN, was married on Saturday, July 1 to GREGORY TORNES at St. Nicolas church in Evanston, Illinois. The reception was held at the North Shore Legion Post and attended by 150 guests. The young couple honeymooned at Quebec, Canada, and will be at home in Evanston, Illinois...Operator JOE DES PARTE retired on July 1 after 36 years of service with the Chicago Motor Coach and Chicago Transit Authority. Joe was one of the respected Sheridan road operators, and will be occupying his free time as a real estate salesman for Callero & Catino company of Niles, Illinois. We at North Park wish Joe much success in the future...Pensioner ART and RUTH MUIR were recent visitors in Chicago, and enjoyed their visit at North Park where they had a chance to renew friendships with their many friends... JOAN ARLENE STEINBERG, the daughter of Operator SEYMOUR STEINBERG, was graduated from Amundsen High school on June 5. Joan, who was a member of the Amundsen honor roll, will enter Mayfair Junior college this fall... LINDA SUE

PETERS, the daughter of Operator DALE and SUE PETERS, was graduated from Roosevelt High school on June 5. Linda, who was valedictorian of her class, will enroll at Northwestern university where she will major in art... WALTER MIKIETA, the son of Operator JOE MIKIETA, was graduated from Glenbard High school in Carol Stream, Illinois. After graduation, Walter enlisted in the U.S. Navy and will receive his basic training at Great Lakes, Illinois. ..JOE GUZZARDO, the son of Operator IRVING SHER, was graduated from Von Steuben High school on June 6. Joe was a member of the National Honor Society for four years. Joe entered Antioch college in Willow Springs, Ohio, on July 2...JUDY KNIGHT, the daughter of Operator BILL and ELKINA KNIGHT, was graduated from Kelvyn Park High school on June 6. For a graduation gift, Judy was awarded a trip to Europe where she will visit relatives in the Netherlands. In the fall, Judy has plans to attend a bible college in Seattle, Washington...CHRISTINE BRUDNEY, the daughter of Operator GENE BRUDNEY, was married on May 27 to RICHARD VARGA at St. John Bosco church. The maid of honor was her sister, Miss SUSAN BRUDNEY. Due to Christine's graduation, the honeymoon will be delayed and she will begin working for United Air Lines. MICHAEL MARIANO, the son-in-law of Gene, was elected president of the Gavel Society of John Marshall Law school. Michael will graduate in June, 1973...JOHN SPRINGER, the son of Operator ED SPRINGER, is a counselor at the Mickey Owens baseball school in Miller, Missouri. John, who is a junior at Notre Dame High school, has been associated with the school for four years...Operators MIKE KOMPANOWSKI, BILL LYMAN, GEORGE DILLAS, ED DIETZ, GENE BREZEK and WALTER MIELA, Clerk BILL PINASCO, and Pensioners FRED HERMANN and GEORGE SPOELDER spent a week fishing at the Maple Leaf Resort on Leech Lake in Sly, Minnesota. Mike Kompanowski, who is reported to be the best fisherman in the group, reports that the walleyes, northerns and crappies were biting in abundance and the catches were great...Happy anniversaries are extended to the following: Operator JOHN HALL and his wife, MARIE, their 35th; Operator CHESTER OLENSKI and his wife, JOANNE, their 22nd; Operator JACK URBAN and his wife, SARAH, their 36th; Operator FRANK KENNY and his wife, their 26th; Operator CHARLES SAUER and his wife, their 22nd; Operator HAROLD JULITZ and his wife, ANN, their 38th; Operator EDGAR NEWTON and his wife, FRANCES, their 36th; Operator JERRY BUDZICZ and his wife, HELEN, their 16th; Operator WALTER UHLEMAN and his wife, LEONA, their 37th; Operator BOB CIESLA and his wife, EMELIA, their 34th; Operator BILL KNIGHT and his wife, ELKINA, their 26th; Operator LE ROY CARR and his wife, LOUISE, their 26th; Operator CHARLES KEMP and his wife, HELEN, their 27th; Operator RALPH ILLION and his wife, LILLIAN, their 32nd; Pensioner MAURICE MARTENS and his wife, AGNES, their 36th; Pensioner ALVIN DAVIS and his wife, their 28th; Pensioner TED DIEDIER and his wife, MADA, their 39th; Checker NICK ZAHN and his wife, JULIA, their 26th, and Clerk SAM GIRARD and his wife, WANDA, their 31st... Happy birthdays are extended to the following: Operators CHESTER OLENSKI, TEX RHIMES and SAM POSNER, Clerk TERRY LATTIN, Pensioner JOE EIFFES, DAN KAZAR, ETHEL POSNER, MARTIN STERN, BETHEL KIRKWOOD and ROSALEEN DOLAN... Our sincere sympathy to the family of Retired Superintendent WILLIAM J. CALDERWOOD who passed away on May 6; to BEN GEACH in the passing of his beloved wife, RUTH; to the family of W. JANAS, and to Mrs. JOYCE in the loss of her husband,

THIS ACCOMPLISHED young drummer is JAMES ZIELINSKI, the son of CHES ZIELINSKI, carpenter, South Shops, and the nephew of AL ZIELINSKI and FRAN LOUWARD, also of South Shops. Jim, the winner of a superior award trophy and a scholarship award from Stevens School of Music, is a freshman at Mount Carmel High school.

Operator TOM JOYCE...Congratulations to Superintendent ALEX JOHNSON and his beautiful bride from Lake View High, on their 25th wedding anniversary June 14...Repair Department Chit Chat: On vacations at this time are the following repairmen: J. KAVANAGH, A. FERNANDEZ, B. O'DONNELL, M. HEAVEY, D. SPARKS, B. LORENTZ, T. PLUTA and M. SALVAGGIO, Bus Cleaners R. VAN DERMEIR Jr., A. KOHMAN, F. FULTON, H. MADDEN, J. McPARTLAN, W. STAUNTON and M. TSUCHIDA...A hearty welcome is extended to the following new arrivals at North Park: Repairmen J. PECORARO, G. LOMBARDO and F. KUHLEWICZ, and Cleaners J. COLEMAN and B. TAYLOR. ..FRED NEWMAN is now working at North Park as the P.M. clerk, while DENNIS MARZEC, who was the P.M. clerk, is now working at the Mart.

*- Melvin Horning*

**OPERATIONS (Transportation) -**

On July 1 District Superintendent CHARLES BATTERSON retired after 45 years of service. Now he can live a life of leisure and be able to don his ten-gallon hat and his boots and sit tall in the saddle any time he wants to. On June 20 he was given a little send-off party with coffee and cake. Many of his friends came to say goodbye and wish him well. We all hope that he and his wife have a very happy, healthy and long retirement...EDWARD and BARBARA COLWELL headed for warmer climates on their vacation. They drove to Disney World in Florida, which they found very, very crowded, and consequently didn't stay long. They went to New Orleans and Mexico which they enjoyed very much, stopping at many places and doing a lot of sightseeing. The weather was hot throughout the entire trip, but they had a real good time... JACK and SIMONE TCHELEBIAN drove to Lake Havasu, Arizona, and then to Las Vegas where they spent a few days. They went to Long Beach, California, for a tour of the Queen Mary, continued on to Santa Monica where they visited with friends for three days, and their last major stop was at Salt Lake City, Utah, before starting home. They had a good time and covered a lot of ground during their two week vacation... JULIE WILLEM and her friend, Mrs. WANDA SOLOMON, flew to Mexico City where they began two weeks of relaxation. They spent a couple of days in Pueblo with her son, and for the first time saw her precious five-month old granddaughter. A drive to Acapulco was next, staying there for an entire week before going to Taxco where silver is mined. They returned to Mexico City and went through the Anthropology Museum and the Estes ruins. The weather was sunny and beautiful throughout the trip and they had a wonderful time... GEORGE and MADGE RILEY set their sights on Arizona for their vacation. They went to Phoenix

and made EARL and MARGE PETERSON's home their headquarters. Here they visited with many CTA pensioners consisting of RAY and ALICE PETERSON, BOB and BABE CHRISTIAN, JOHN and BETTY JACOBY, and KEN WILLIAMS. All are doing fine and send their best wishes. After spending some time in Phoenix, they continued on to Lake Havasu to see the London Bridge, which was brought from England stone by stone, and then went to Rimmy Jims to see the Meteor Crater. On their way home they stopped in New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma and Missouri. During their three-week vacation, the temperature ranged from 100 to 110 degrees, which to say the least is HOT. They had a great time, but had to come back to Chicago to cool off...We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of SAMUEL T. KELLEY, former information clerk, who passed away on May 24...The first of a month is the day we lose many people by way of retirement, and July 1 was no exception. On this day, Operating Manager CHARLES E. KEISER retired from the CTA. On June 23 the Keisers were honored at a dinner at the M&M Club which was attended by a large number of their friends. He and his wife, MYRA, will now be able to go fishing, hunting, traveling and enjoy life to the fullest. I'm sure that he will also have some work to do when he isn't relaxing. I believe that my feelings are shared by everyone when I say we will miss him very much, and sincerely wish both of them a very happy, healthy and wonderful retirement.

**(Transportation Instruction) -**

On May 16 JOHN and CHARLOTTE BORK were all smiles and as happy as they could be. This was the day their first grandchild, DAVID THOMAS, was born weighing 8 pounds 1 ounce. The proud parents, JOHN and MARY BORK, are living in Rantoul, Illinois. John is an airman first class and is presently stationed at Chanute Air Force Base. Congratulations.

**(Utility and Emergency Service) -**

Congratulations to all the employees of the department for the two awards received from the Greater Chicago Safety Council. One was for industrial safety and the other for traffic safety. It was our combined efforts that enabled us to receive these awards. A big thanks is extended to all for their teamwork; with continued good work we can do it again next year...Welcome to TOM GODFREY who recently transferred from the Shops & Equipment Department. Good luck in your new job...Congratulations to HAROLD FELTZ who celebrated his 30th anniversary with the CTA...BILL CRIGLER went to the sunny state of Florida for his vacation, and TONY MUSTACCHIO went to Georgia to do some fishing and returned with a real good tan, but we didn't hear a word about the fish...ROY BAUERS spent his vacation in Arizona and Nevada visiting with friends, and also stopped at Las Vegas but he didn't make expenses there...FRED WILSON, Department of Indiana Amvets Division I commander, attended the state convention in Gary. Fred made the arrangements for this convention and we were happy to hear that everything worked out just fine and a good time was had by all...O. W. JOHNSON and his wife recently went to Michigan for the Holland tulip festival, and also spent some time at Niagara, Wisconsin...Pensioner BILL COLEMAN stopped in at Blue Island to visit with his friends between his trips to Florida and Minnesota. OTTO SANTESON and LEONARD GALLE also paid us a visit. Otto lives in Florida, but has been doing a lot of traveling...Our condolences are extended to ED KELLY whose sister recently passed away; to TONY KRAUS who lost his mother-in-law; to ART FRANK whose sister passed away, and to ED JENSKI who recently lost his father.

*- Colette Szczepanek*

**PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -**

Summer is here again and with the welcoming of summer, we would like to welcome back our summer employees. A big hello is extended to VINCENT ALLEN, ROBERT McCARTHY, JEROLD POCARO, WILLIAM UNWIN, MARK PLATT, WILLIAM PLATT, EDWARD BOLE and DEREK CHEATHAM, all in Stores, and also to GORDON FEYEN working in the Specifications Department. . . Pensioner FRED LOITZ reports that he is feeling very well and has just returned from a visit to Athens, Texas, to see his daughter and grandchildren...Our deepest sympathy is extended to MARGE HANSEN, retired, in the loss of her husband, and to the family of EARL WILCOX, retired, who passed away on May 23...DICK TESCH, Purchasing, has returned for the second time from Las Vegas. Dick told us that he enjoyed the plane ride to Las Vegas very much, and he spent a lot of time basking in the sun. This, and much more all helped in adding to an enjoyable vacation...ED THORNE, Stores, and his wife have returned from a three-week vacation to Florida. While there they visited Lake City, Winter Haven, Fort Myers Beach, across the Everglades to Ft. Lauderdale and then home. Ed told us that without a doubt it was the best vacation he has had in his whole life...EDWARD TOBIN, Purchasing, along with his wife and children spent an extended weekend in Door County, Wisconsin. They had a very nice time, except that there were too many squirrels for Ed...RON TABOR, Specifications, reports that he is undecided on how to spend his vacation this year. He can't decide whether to spend the day on the beach or to have lunch at Holloway House or Pixley's...Corporal STEVEN MICHAUD, a jet plane electrician in the marine corp and the son of GEORGE MICHAUD, Storeroom 42, was discharged on May 2 after three years of service. Everyone is glad to see Steve home again. After a short stay at home, he plans to travel around before settling down...GARY J. LINDEN, the son of GEORGE LINDEN, Stores, was graduated on June 12 from Triton college. Gary took business courses which included computer programming. . . VINKO DJONLICH and his wife, MARY, are the proud parents of a daughter, KATHY ANN, who was born on April 21 weighing 6 pounds 13½ ounces. They have a son, JOSEPH, at home...PAMELA JOY PARISE, the granddaughter of HAROLD ENRIGHT, Stores, was graduated on June 14 from Dempster Junior High school in Mount Prospect, Illinois. Congratulations, Pamela! . . FRANK FRIEDL spent his vacation in Florida. While there he stopped in Miami to visit his mother and sister

CELEBRATING THEIR 25th wedding anniversary on June 7 were MAX and LORETTA KUCHAN. Max works in Body Shop D, South Shops.

and did some fishing. He also visited West Palm Beach and stopped in at the Jungle Compound. Glad to see you back, Frank!..LYNN GILLILAND, the daughter of JIM GILLILAND, stock clerk II, was graduated from high school in June. Lynn plans to attend college in the fall. Jim and his family also spent a few weeks in Florida and had a very good time in Disney World...Birthday wishes are extended to WALTER (Whitey) JUGIN, and to CHARLES BENNETT's daughter, SHIRLEY, and his wife, MARITA. Happy birthday to all of you!..Congratulations are in order for ANITA COONEY, the daughter of JIM COONEY, Stores, who was graduated from St. Ethelreda Grammar school...JERRY POCES, Stores, has just returned to work from a vacation in Las Vegas. Rumor has it that Jerry had to hitchhike all the way back!..As of this writing, BILL NOVAK, Stores, is on vacation in upper Minnesota fishing. Everyone is anticipating that Bill will return home with a "big catch."..BERNARD FITZPATRICK, Stores, has returned after a honey-do vacation. Welcome back!

*- Cecilia Trucco & John Gill*

**RAPID TRANSIT MAINTENANCE TERMINALS -**

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES TUCKNOTT, Congress, on the birth of their daughter, MICHELLE... Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to LOUIS RICCIARDI, Congress, who is in Oak Park hospital...STANLEY DOBEK, Kimball, spent his vacation visiting his homeland, Poland. Word has it that he will fill-in as the President's representative to all the small villages...Festivities were high in the J. MERCURE, Kimball, household. His oldest daughter, DEBBIE, was married in June, and his youngest daughter, DENISE, was graduated from grade school. Congratulations and best wishes to both girls...Congratulations to AL PECHOLAS, Kimball, on the purchase of a new Citroen D Special. The line forms to the right for free rides...M. PALACIOUS, Kimball, enjoyed a trip to Puerto Rico, while his co-workers, JOHN McPARTLAN and F. FAWCETT, enjoyed an at-home vacation...B. McHUGH, Kimball, has a new means of transportation--a motorcycle. ..Our deepest sympathy is extended to H. DICKERSON, Dan Ryan, and his family in the passing of his mother...C. NELSON, Dan Ryan, spent his vacation fishing the streams and rivers of Wisconsin, while E. SHIELDS enjoyed the sights and sounds of the city...Who belongs to the sexy legs in the Bermuda shorts? That's Q. BONDS, Dan Ryan, who is preparing for his trip to the West Indies...The boys at Dan Ryan shop are getting in shape to form a softball team. First on the roster are L. FIELDS, F. PICKETT and R. L. SMITH. GEORGE NICHOLSON has been appointed coach. Anybody interested in a game, call George...Welcome back to R. FLOWERS and J. KEANE, temporary servicemen at 61st Street...Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to J. SHANAHAN who is still on the sick list...Enjoying an early summer vacation are M. CONNELLY, T. LALLY, J. NASH and M. BOGIRA, 61st Street.

*- Ray Brzeczek*

**SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -**

HARRY HIRSCH and his family flew down to Florida to visit with his family...PHIL LEAHY drove to Michigan to do some motor-boating...ED REILLY is catching up with some chores around the house...MYRON LEVEE is busy building his garage in Indiana on his vacation...JAKE SUMNER drove to Rice Lake, Wisconsin, to do some fishing...Your scribe enjoyed a wonderful mini-vacation in Key Biscayne, Florida. She missed President Nixon's stay there by a few days...The Schedule Department extends its sincerest sympathy to the family of JOHN LARKIN, traffic checker, who recently passed away...FRANK CORBETT is doubly proud of his son, PATRICK, who was graduated from St. Patrick's High school on May 29 in Orchestra Hall. He received the scholarship key for being an honor student for four years, and was also an Illinois State Scholarship winner. He will enter the University of Notre Dame to study architectural engineering...MICHELE SCOTT, the daughter of W. SCOTT, was graduated from Pershing Elementary school on June 6 with full honors. She will attend Lindbloom High school.

A FUTURE biochemist is WANDA ROPA, the 16-year old daughter of Clerk TED ROPA, Congress Maintenance Terminal, and Assignment Agent CECYLIA ROPA, Central Office. Wanda is standing beside her science display entitled "The Qualitative Analysis and Effects of APC," which wan awards at Taft High school, the District Fair, City Fair and State Fair. The display is entered in the National Science Fair which will be held in Springfield in August.

*- Kathryn Batina*

**SKOKIE SHOPS -**

JOSEPH BUTERA, electrical worker, and his wife, NANCY, are the proud parents of a second son, FRANK A. BUTERA, born on May 19 weighing 6 pounds 11 ounces and 19 inches long. Lots of happiness to the parents...WILLIAM EBERHART, electrical worker, is the happy owner of a new Ford Galaxie 500. Lots of happy tours to you and your wife, PAT...GEORGE KIMMSKE, carpenter, and his wife, FRANCES, have gained their silver pin for 2,500 hours at the West Side VA hospital. Lots of memories for your good deeds, George and Frances...ROY A. SUAREZ, electrical worker, and his wife, WENDY, are the proud parents of a son, MICHAEL REED, born May 9 weighing 7 pounds 9 ounces and 20½ inches long. Lots of love and happiness to each of you...PAUL CARIDE, painter, is the proud owner of a new 1972 Ford Torino. Lots of good driving, Paul...The Skokie Raiders softball team had their first practice game of the season, beating the Edgebrook Lutheran church 16 to 9. GARY WILSON led the attack with a three run homer to the opposite field. PAT HARNETT was persuaded to come out of retirement for the game. Manager DICK WILSON was well pleased with the performance and is waiting for another challenger...KENNETH BLOCKER, welder-blacksmith, DANIEL McCLURE, machinist, and LAWRENCE WALKER, electrical worker, are the lunch hour chess players. The chess games have been on the play for more than seven months. Lawrence had set a record of winning four consecutive games, and has since been tied many times. Finally Kenneth broke the record by winning five consecutive games. Nice playing, Kenneth.

# recent deaths

WILLIAM S. ALLEN, 72, Law,
Emp. 5-23-45, Died 5-7-72
GEORGE BAGGECH, 74, Archer,
Emp. 2-25-29, Died 4-17-72
ELMER BALFANZ, 88, Transportation,
Emp. 7-18-05, Died 5-4-72
WILLIAM J. BEAUSEJOUR, 84, Kedzie,
Emp. 3-26-14, Died 5-31-72
LOUIS BERTONE, 87, Way & Structures,
Emp. 2-3-19, Died 3-30-72
MICHAEL J. BRESNAHAN, 83, Kedzie,
Emp. 12-9-19, Died 5-28-72
WILLIAM H. BUHRKE, 83, North Section,
Emp. 1-21-46, Died 4-10-72
JOHN A BURGESON, 95, 69th Street,
Emp. 11-16-01, Died 4-25-72
SEBASTIANO CALANDRINO, 82, Track,
Emp. 6-2-43, Died 5-5-72
WILLIAM CALDERWOOD, 82, Forest Glen,
Emp. 8-23-11, Died 5-6-72
GEORGE CALEK, 81, Devon,
Emp. 5-3-26, Died 4-13-72
ANTHONY CASPERS, 86, South Section,
Emp. 10-25-26, Died 5-3-72
HENRY COLGAN, 79, South Section,
Emp. 7-6-17, Died 5-13-72
EDWARD J. CRANDALL, 71, South Section,
Emp. 6-26-28, Died 4-24-72
GEORGE CVETAN, 86, Kedzie,
Emp. 4-30-13, Died 4-5-72
JOHN DELAS, 79, Track,
Emp. 8-13-19, Died 4-27-72
WILLIAM J. DOYLE, 85, 77th Street,
Emp. 5-21-23, Died 5-6-72
JOHN E. DUNDON, 64, South Section,
Emp. 3-26-34, Died 4-7-72
CARL W. ESSEN, 73, Devon,
Emp. 11-4-19, Died 5-12-72
JOSEPH J. FENNESSY, 90, Burnside,
Emp. 6-1-12, Died 4-19-72
MAURICE FITZGERALD, 83, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 4-9-18, Died 4-28-72
CHARLES W. FRANK, 66, South Section,
Emp. 3-1-19, Died 4-5-72
EZIO GALLI, 80, Devon,
Emp. 9-24-28, Died 5-25-72
JOHN A. GARRETT, 51, 77th Street,
Emp. 5-28-53, Died 5-23-72
ANTHONY J. GENUTIS, 91, 77th Street,
Emp. 12-8-05, Died 5-19-72
SAMUEL J. GILLARD, 78, Security,
Emp. 1-28-29, Died 4-22-72
THOMAS F. GREENAN, 99, Burnside,
Emp. 5-16-96, Died 5-12-72
ALFRED F. GRIEBEL, 83, South Section,
Emp. 1-3-10, Died 5-11-72
MAY I. HARLOW, 75, North Section,
Emp. 9-19-29, Died 5-7-72
ANNETTE HEFTER, 60, Engineering,
Emp. 6-12-50, Died 6-2-72
ROBERT HEIDENBLUT, 70, Engineering,
Emp. 12-13-20, Died 5-31-72
FRANK W. HELMS, 71, Beverly,
Emp. 2-21-29, Died 4-1-72
WILLIAM G. HERRMANN, 71, Skokie Shop,
Emp. 7-6-36, Died 4-11-72
LAWRENCE H. HILDEBRAND, 88, Devon,
Emp. 6-14-16, Died 3-31-72
JOHN W. HUBERS, 72, North Avenue,
Emp. 6-1-23, Died 5-1-72
WALTER J. JANAS, 57, Limits,
Emp. 11-29-41, Died 5-30-72
NAOMI S. JENKINS, 73, Claim,
Emp. 1-6-31, Died 5-27-72
SHIRLEY JONES, 26, West Section,
Emp. 3-10-70, Died 6-13-72
WILLIE B. JONES, 47, Bldg. Maintenance
Emp. 12-1-50, Died 6-1-72
THOMAS JOYCE, 58, North Park,
Emp. 10-1-46, Died 6-6-72
JOSEPH KAWPERT, 78, North Avenue,
Emp. 2-7-20, Died 5-13-72
SAMUEL T. KELLEY, 65, Transportation,
Emp. 1-18-34, Died 5-24-72
JOSEPH A. KELLY, 70, District A,
Emp. 5-9-23, Died 4-28-72
JOSEPHINE KELLY, 89, Investigation & Claim,
Emp. 11-9-14, Died 4-14-72
OSCAR W. KITZ, 87, North Section,
Emp. 3-23-12, Died 4-18-72

The playing is open to the house, and if there are any more chess players, speak up...STANLEY RAVEN, electrical worker, and his wife, DOROTHY, are the proud grandparents of a little boy named RICHARD JAMES RAVEN born at Mercy hospital. The parents are RICHARD and KATHY ANN RAVEN...THOMAS M. STONE Jr., tractor operator, and his wife, PATRICIA, are the happy parents of their second girl, JENNIFER SUELLEN, born on May 31 weighing 5 pounds 10 ounces and 18 inches long. Jennifer has an older sister named APRIL who is 2½ years old...ERNIE JONES, retired foreman from Wilson Maintenance Terminal, and his wife, LOIS, just returned from a ten-day island hopping trip to the Virgin Islands, St. Thomas, St. Croix, St. John, and Torola, British West Indies, by plane, boat, jeep, truck, bus, canoe or what-have-you. Ernie and Lois have been living in Florida since his early retirement. I am certain you each will remember many happy moments. Ernie and Lois are also planning a trip to London in June, 1973, to meet Ernie's sister and her husband who spent three weeks in Florida with them. For the first time since Ernie left South Africa in 1922, he has promised Lois a side trip to where her father's people came from. Sounds great, and lots of happiness and luck with your travels... ANTHONY ARINI, electrical worker, is the happy owner of a Buick Wildcat. Watch it, Tony, it's fast. Also the best of luck and enjoy it...Dear readers of the Transit News, EVERETT ENGLAND, your scribe for the past 20 years, retired on July 1. I really don't know where the years have gone, but that's life. I do hope I have been kind to all of you with news at some time, and I hope to see you from time to time.

*- Everett E. England*

# among employees

FRED F. KNAPP, 69, North Avenue,
Emp. 2-25-29, Died 5-31-72
ANDREW G. KOSTAKIS, 86, Lawndale,
Emp. 7-21-20, Died 5-16-72
HARRY H. LEAVITT, 65, North Section,
Emp. 11-3-47, Died 4-5-72
HAROLD B. LIND, 68, West Section,
Emp. 2-3-36, Died 5-2-72
ANGELO LOMBARDO, 83, Track,
Emp. 5-2-23, Died 4-10-72
SAVAS MATCHES, 90, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 1-4-28, Died 3-18-72
GEORGE C. MATHISEN, 71, Forest Glen,
Emp. 3-13-29, Died 4-16-72
ROKOE MAVROVIC, 73, Way & Structures,
Emp. 2-21-27, Died 4-9-72
JOSEPH R. McCOURT, 65, 77th Street,
Emp. 1-23-46, Died 5-3-72
JOHN F. McTIGUE, 71, 77th Street,
Emp. 10-19-26, Died 4-19-72
GEORGE A. MIGDAT, 66, Lawndale,
Emp. 2-12-38, Died 4-11-72
WILLIAM MILES, 77, North Avenue,
Emp. 5-9-27, Died 4-23-72
HAROLD MILLER, 64, Limits,
Emp. 7-18-40, Died 5-4-72
CHARLES J. MOST, 71, Office Services,
Emp. 1-25-26, Died 4-17-72
VINCENZO NACCI, 79, South Shops,
Emp. 11-29-28, Died 4-20-72
LOUIS NAVE, 86, West Section,
Emp. 12-1-51, Died 3-8-72
HERMAN NEELY, 77, North Avenue,
Emp. 11-5-26, Died 5-17-72
RICHARD NOLTE, 70, North Section,
Emp. 9-25-23, Died 5-5-72
HERBERT O. OUIMETTE, 73, North Avenue,
Emp. 4-10-23, Died 5-3-72
JAMES H. PERCY, 79, Chicago Avenue,
Emp. 8-9-20, Died 4-13-72
ROCCO PONTRELLI, 66, Track,
Emp. 6-28-45, Died 4-30-72
JOHN G. RAUEN, 83, 77th Street,
Emp. 5-18-10, Died 5-27-72
HENRY REDMAN, 81, Devon,
Emp. 8-12-16, Died 4-18-72
PAUL E. REHFELDT, 74, North Section,
Emp. 6-7-18, Died 5-5-72
RAYMOND ROBERTSON, 58, West Section,
Emp. 3-18-42, Died 5-30-72
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON, 80, 77th Street,
Emp. 9-30-11, Died 5-4-72
ROBERT C. RODGERS, 36, 69th Street,
Emp. 9-5-57, Died 6-8-72
FRANK SCATENA, 66, North Section,
Emp. 11-17-43, Died 4-8-72
JOSEPH F. SCHMIDT, 70, Limits,
Emp. 12-28-26. Died 4-9-72
ALBERT H. SCHUTH, 72, West Section,
Emp. 4-2-23, Died 4-26-72
WALTER SCHWEINFURTH, 57, Schedule-Traffic,
Emp. 9-26-40, Died 6-20-72
JERRY SIDLO, 86, 69th Street,
Emp. 8-6-26, Died 6-1-72
AMOS E. SMITH, 64, Electrical,
Emp. 12-28-45, Died 4-29-72
ELLA M. SULLIVAN, 77, Logan Square,
Emp. 4-4-41, Died 4-17-72
NELSON SYMONS, 89, West Section,
Emp. 1-1-14, Died 4-9-72
VINCENT TADEJEVICH, 86, Way & Structures,
Emp. 8-30-20, Died 4-27-72
HARRY TILK, 57, Limits,
Emp. 11-21-42, Died 6-6-72
RALPH TRIMARCO, 56, West Section,
Emp. 8-27-41, Died 6-3-72
DAVID G. WALSH, 81, Kedzie,
Emp. 12-23-19, Died 4-22-72
WILLIAM T. WEGNER, 84, Devon,
Emp. 8-12-13, Died 4-9-72
EDMUND J. WELTY, 75, 77th Street,
Emp. 10-16-23, Died 4-29-72
WILLIAM E. WILCOX, 66, Stores,
Emp. 4-2-28, Died 5-22-72
GEORGE J. WILLIAMS, 64, Beverly,
Emp. 3-10-42, Died 5-27-72
CHARLES WINZENHOLLER, 76, Shops & Equipment,
Emp. 2-4-20, Died 4-1-72
RICHARD E. YOUNG, 78, North Section,
Emp. 4-1-59, Died 4-13-72

**SOUTH SECTION -**

Summer and vacation time is finally here, and "how sweet it is." Hope everyone has a good time...Congratulations to Switchman FRANKLIN PETTIS and Yard Foreman RICARDO ARMSTRONG who were appointed supervisors on June 11. We are all really proud of our South Siders... Some of our men who were on the sick list are back and we are happy to see them: Yard Foreman JAMMIE MORRIS, Towerman PHILIP HUGGINS, and Motormen WILLIAM FRANCIS and SCOTT GIVENS...Assistant Station Superintendent JOSEPH TVRDIK, 61st Street, went on pension June 1 and the men gave him a wonderful send-off. They had such a nice meal--chicken, potato salad, baked beans, cake and coffee. Our hats are off to Janitor BEN MONTGOMERY who put so much time and effort into this get-together. Many people stopped by that day to wish Joe a happy retirement. All our superintendents, clerks and instructors on the South Section stopped by when they had an opportunity to get over to 61st Street. Division 308 President LEONARD BEATTY, Secretary-Treasurer HUGH HEGARTY and Board Member WILFRED SPEARS also dropped by, as did former Division 308 president JOHN BURNS, Retired Yard Foreman JOHN LEMKE and Retired Towerman LEONARD DeGROOT and many more. So it was a big day for Joe. The men presented him with a small TV to remember them by. Joe says that he's going fishing in the Ozarks for a couple of weeks and then take life easy and travel. All of us wish Joe a wonderful retirement life. The food was delicious, and I can eat more now as my stomach is coming along just great, but I still have to drink a lot of milk and eat nothing spicy. Because of Joe taking his pension, there have been some changes made. As of June 1, Assistant

Station Superintendent JAMES WALSH, who worked the P.M. at Ashland Avenue, was re-assigned to the A.M. at 61st Street. Then Assistant Station Superintendent ROBERT DESVIGNES, who worked the P.M. at 95th Street Terminal, moved over to the P.M. at Ashland, and RON BAKER was transferred from the West Section as assistant station superintendent on the P.M. at 95th Street. Congratulations and good luck to all on their new jobs and welcome to the South Section, Ron Baker...With the arrival of summer, our part-time conductors from last year have returned. We extend a warm welcome to: the JACOBI brothers, KEITH and KENNETH, LEONARD MOORE, PETER STAZZONE, CARL DAVIS, MICHAEL APPLEBY, THOMAS CONWAY, CHARLES WILLIAMS, RICHARD PARRISH, ADAM BOURGEOIS, ROBERT JARVIS, WILLIAM STALLWORTH, PHILIP WILLIAMS and ROBERT ROBERSON...Chief Clerk JIM MARTINEK had a wonderful spring vacation. He and his wife, DOROTHY, took a trip to Switzerland and stayed a few days at Lake Luzerne in the Alps. Then they took a beautiful boat trip down the Rhine river and stopped off at Heidelburg and other towns in Germany, Holland, and a part of France. They lived and ate on the boat. He said they had a real good time and the scenery was beautiful in the Alps and Holland, but he still likes the good old U.S.A...Going on pension June 1 was Agent MARY KLUMPP, one of our finest and sweetest agents, and Agent THOMAS McGRANE, a real gentleman. Agent PRYDE FIELDS went on disability pension, and we hope his health returns soon. These agents will be missed by all their customers and their co-workers. Hope they all have a good and healthy retirement life...Salutations to newly-hired Conductors CALVIN McGRUDER and CULLIS FLINN, and newly-hired Janitors REGINALD McDOWELL, DIXIE FIELDS and OTIS RICHARDS...Our pensioners really get around. Retired Supervisor ED MUNRO took a wonderful trip to England, Scotland and Ireland and he went on a sightseeing tour and saw just about everything there was to see. He said Scotland was really beautiful, and he always wanted to see the "Big Ben" clock in London and finally did...Our sincere sympathy goes out to our Chief Clerk JIM MARTINEK in the loss of his mother, and to Yard Foreman JOHNNIE WILLIAMS in the loss of his mother...Motorman ALEX KOMIS and his wife went on a nice spring vacation to Miami Beach, Florida, and enjoyed themselves sunning on the sandy beaches...I received the nicest letter from Retired Towerman ELMER PIPKORN and his wife, ALICE, who live in Bakersfield, California, and was glad to hear from them. They are feeling fine and Elmer plays golf and swims regularly. They took trips to see the HMS Queen Mary in Long Beach, the London Bridge and Hearst Castle. He says hello to all his old friends here in Chicago. He didn't know my address, so I better give it to everybody. Just write me at the CTA Office, 6319 S. Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60636...Clerk JOHN BARRY was very happy when his son, KEVIN, who is in the air force and stationed in San Francisco, came home on a 30-day leave and was able to see his grandson for the first time. The Barrys have 12 grandchildren now. . . Agent MILLYE BEATTY, the wife of Division 308 President LEONARD BEATTY, was in the hospital recently but is now home recuperating. Hope you can get back to work real soon, Millye...Motorman FRED GRONEMEYER's wife, TILLIE, was also in the hospital and is home now recuperating...Retired Clerk JOHN MORAN stopped in to see us recently and he looks wonderful. He said to say "hi" to everyone...Resigning recently were Motormen FREDRIC THOMPSON, MAURICE BRANCH and Conductor HIAWATHA WILLIAMS...Heard that Retired Motorman HENRY COLGAN and Retired Conductor ANTHONY CASPER passed away recently. Our condolences to their families... Retired Towerman LEONARD DeGROOT stopped by Ashland Avenue and was very happy because his Monday night bowling team, the Dox Exterminators, won the championship at Evergreen Tower bowling alley. Leonard was the No. 1 man, winning two trophies plus money. The trophies he presented to his twin grandsons...We received some nice commendations from our passengers: Motorman ED O'HARE was commended for reporting a fire on a building at Bryn Mawr; Agent JENNIFER JOHNSON was commended for calling the police, thereby preventing a possible holdup of a passenger, and Motorman ANTHONY HORN was commended for his alertness in recognizing that unauthorized inquiries were being made at Howard Street and reported same to the office. Keep those commendations coming in...Happened to run into Retired Agent HELEN SHANNON not long ago. She's really enjoying her pension and said to tell everyone hello.

*- Verna Hartney*

UNITED IN holy matrimony on May 27 were Mr. and Mrs. JOHN ALLENSON. The bride is the former LINDA WEBER, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. WALTER (Joke) WEBER, Area 333, South Shops. The bridegroom is a patrolman for the Chicago Police Department.

A 35-YEAR career in rapid transit terminals and shops was drawn to a close July 1 with the retirement of EVERETT E. ENGLAND. In addition to his duties as a clerk, he has served as a Transit News reporter since March, 1952—at the time of retirement he was No. 1 on the seniority list of 44 reporters. The Transit News Staff and his many friends at CTA extend their sincere wishes for a long, happy and healthy retired life to Everett and his wife, MARCIE.

**SOUTH SHOPS -**

Well it's time to fill everyone in on all the news here at South Shops, so we'll start out by congratulating the winners of the 1972 picnic raffle: 1st, T. SALKAS, Body Shop "C" - Farberware electric broiler and rotisserie; 2nd, J. BANCROFT, Technical Services Division office - Zenith AM-FM solid state radio; 3rd, S. FIORITO, Body

GEORGE E. WAGNER, blocksmith helper, Electrical Department, joined the ranks of the retired on June 1 after more than 43 years of service. If George had his welder's mask on, many former streetcar motormen would probably recognize him. He started with the Surface Lines and spent many years building up metal on frogs in the car tracks.

Shop "D" - Sunbeam deluxe four-slice toaster; 4th, P. PETRULIS, Brake Department and 5th, L. BERNAS, Machine Shop, a half gallon of Canadian Club each...We at the South Shops and everyone on the system would like to wish a very long and happy retirement to Operating Manager CHARLES E. KEISER. A dinner was held for Mr. Keiser in the M&M Club on Friday, June 23. Again, Mr. Keiser, we wish you the best of everything... The S&E Department would also like to wish a happy retirement to our buddy at Skokie Shop, EVERETT E. ENGLAND. Ev retired on July 1. There was a luncheon held in his honor at Skokie Shop on June 28. Everyone wishes you the best Ev, enjoy your retirement!..At South Shops we have still another retiree, TONY VIHNANEK of Technical Services Division. He was honored at a luncheon here on June 29. We also wish a long and happy retirement to you, Tony... Superintendent of Shops and Equipment GEORGE CLARK, along with his buddy JOE BOLECH, superintendent of rapid transit system shops & terminals at Skokie Shop, and other mutual friends went fishing the last week in May around Atikoken, Canada. The first three days the temperature was 95 degrees, and the fish stayed in hiding. But with a break in the temperature all caught their limit of walleyed pike, lake trout and northern pike. The food was good according to Mr. Clark, and all of the fellows put on some extra pounds...WILLIE PICKETT, utility clerk at South Shops, gave his lovely daughter, DENISE, a color television upon her graduation from Schmidt Grammar school. Denise will be attending Harlan High school in September. Isn't it nice to have a thoughtful dad, Denise?

Now for the "OUT IN THE SHOP" news...The fellows in Area 321 want to wish OTHA WASHINGTON a speedy recovery from his recent surgery... Congratulations to CLARENCE PIPOWSKI, Area 321, on his first wedding anniversary June 5... JOHN KURGAN, Upholstery Shop foreman, took a week of his vacation to break in his new Pontiac...The guys in MC&OP extend a hearty welcome back to MARK STROWZEWSKI, who spent three years in the U.S. army...MARY BEAHAN, the daughter of ROY BEAHAN, MC&OP, is returning from a year of art studies in Rome, Italy. While she was in Europe, she visited Turkey, Greece, England, Scotland and Germany...JAKE WEBER, Area 333, left June 17 for two weeks in Rota, Spain, compliments of the good ol' U.S. Navy Reserve...JOE REED, apprentice mechanic, Area 349, became a local hero when he saved his neighbor's life. The man's car exploded and he was showered with gasoline. He ran from his garage in flames. When Joe saw him he quickly doused the flames and rushed him to the hospital. We all salute Joe for his bravery...CASEY STRZYNSKI, Area 349, returned from a two-year job with Central Accounting. Welcome back, Casey...The guys in Area 349 wish BILL SCHMARJK a speedy recovery from his recent illness...TOM OLENICK, the son of WALLY OLENICK, Area 349, was married April 8. A reception was held at Ramno hall. Tom, who works in Central Accounting, and his new wife, JAN, honeymooned in the Smoky Mountains...Congratulations to ART BEAUCHAMP, who became a grandpa again on May 9... Congratulations to ED OLEKSY, Radiator Room, who became a grandfather on March 16...JOHN GUZAITIS, Area 351, celebrated his tenth anniversary with CTA on May 1... RICH ZAJAC's daughter, DOROTHY, was married to JIM KELLAS on July 1. Jim is the chief chef at Purdue university. Rich is from Area 351...STANLEY KUROPAS, Area 336, returned to work after recovering from an operation. Welcome back, Stanley...STEVE MATTES, Area 336, the Wizard of Westmont, retired June 1 after 46 years with the CTA. A farewell party was given June 1 by his fellow workers. Best of luck in your retirement, Steve...JEAN GUSTAFSON, Print Shop, became a grandmother twice in one month. On April 10 a grandson was born and on May 12 a granddaughter. Congratulations, grandma!..Our deepest sympathy to TOM TADEVIC, Paint Shop, in the loss of his father, a CTA pensioner...PAUL BROTT, Area 318, has returned to work after a four-month absence recovering from heart surgery...SAM FIORITO, Area 318, also returned after back surgery and seven month's recuperation. ..MAX KUCHAN, Area 318, had two silver anniversaries. On April 9, 25 years with the CTA; on June 7, Max and his wife, LORETTA, celebrated 25 years of marriage. Congratulations!..STANLEY SARNA, foreman, Area 318, just returned from Disney World and he highly recommends the trip...The guys in Area 318 said goodbye to ADOLPH OLSON who took his pension June 1 after 30 years of service. ..Carpenter's Union Steward SAM TROMBINO, Area 312, took his pension June 1 after 30 years of service. Good luck, Sam! RAY DAVISON, Area 312, also went on pension after 30 years of service. Ray is moving to Phoenix, Arizona...JO ANN SPROVIERI, the daughter of FRANK SPROVIERI, Area 312, and HARRY HOLLENDONER, Area 312, won the Class B Family Twosomes bowling championship at the Berwyn recreation center...JIM MARRON, Area 344, retired June 1 after 43 years as an electrician. We wish him luck...HENRY MURRY, Area 344, became a journeyman on April 10. He and his wife adopted a son, HAMPTON BERNARD, on March 31. Congratulations, Henry!..AL COX and E. J. WILSON, Area 344, became journeymen electricians in April...Did anyone notice that skinny guy, CLEO DONALDSON, driving around in his new Tempest? He quit eating and was able to afford a new car...We would like to correct the name which appeared under the picture of our Bronze Star winner. It is STANLEY SHIMKUS. Sorry, Stan...ROBERT C. LEE, apprentice mechanic, Area 342, was graduated from Olive Harvey college on June 8 with a degree in applied science. Congratulations, Bob... Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM RAFFERTY, Area 346, who celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on June 7 by having dinner with their children...ERWIN KRUMSEY and TOM VUJNOVICH received 25-year membership pins from the Machinists Union...Repairman TONY SHIMKUS, Kedzie Garage, spent his Memorial day weekend fishing in northern Wisconsin. He landed a 37 inch muskie that weighed in at 12½ pounds. Tony is the brother of STANLEY SHIMKUS at South Shops. Tony, you're one real

good sportsman!..Well, that concludes the July edition of the South Shops news brought to you by...

*- Denise Patheiger & Jim LaMont*

**WEST SECTION -**

Here we go again, and by the time you read this I will be on vacation. What a joy it will be just lying around getting sunburned and doing a lot of fishing. My adopted stepson, TOM PATTERSON, has advised me to get a deep tan so it won't look bad when he calls me "Daddio." May everyone enjoy their vacation and come back healthy and refreshed... I am working with D. P. MORTER who came from the British Honduras. If he continues to run like he is now, he will be back in Honduras soon. Morter told me that love is in the eyes of the beholder. I told him it was too bad his lovely wife didn't get her glasses sooner...A christening of Lady Cecilia II was held at the 59th Street harbor. The owners are "Captain" and Mrs. CALVIN THOMAS, both employees of CTA. Three hundred people were invited and a wonderful time was had by all, especially with all the food and champagne for the occasion. Calvin and his wife and son are planning a cruise down the Mississippi to New Orleans, and we wish them a safe and happy voyage. The only drawback to the gala affair was Calvin standing in the bow of the ship shouting, "I'm the captain, I'm the captain."..Congratulations to J. COAKLEY and his wife, WENDY, on the arrival of a beautiful baby girl named STORMI. With a wife named Wendy and a daughter named Stormi, they are now calling Coakley "Hurricane"..Two of our biggest supervisors took a fishing trip down to old Kentucky, and only caught one little fish for the whole day. One of them stood up in the boat and it capsized. The man that helped them was the luckiest of all--he caught two jumbo whales...My motorman, MIKE BELLEZZO, has returned to work, and all I can say is "Thank God." The young motormen like ROGERS, REEVES, MARSHALL and BATES go too fast for an old-timer like me...Let's all hope that GEORGE CLARK will return to work soon. We all miss him...Motorman RALPH TRIMARCO passed away after a long illness. I didn't know him too well, but all the fellows said he was really a wonderful person. So to his wife and family, we extend our sincere condolences...Conductor JAMES LANE's mother passed away suddenly. We extend our deepest sympathy to Jim and his family...Pensioner CARMEN PETRUCCI passed away recently. He was very nice to me when I first started with CTA, and we send our sincere condolences to his wife and family...Everybody's friend, TINY ROBERTSON, passed away and it saddened the entire carhouse. He was without a doubt the nicest person working for CTA. You all knew how big he was, and I used to tease him and he would chase me around the carhouse. We will surely miss him. To his wife, GLADYS, we extend our deepest sympathy...A happy birthday is extended to the following men: R. SHONDER, E. WYNN, J. (Lover) BRIGHT, M. McCLURE, S. KAULES, M. LEE, J. McCARTHY, C. McDERMOTT, J. LANE and M. FIORE. The last four, I am sure, are ready for their pensions... SAM (Archie) JONES of the South Side, was taking a little snooze on the lockers and fell off. He landed on his face, and thank God he wasn't hurt bad. Come to think of it, he looks better now. If his motorman, JOE GRIFFIN, could do the same, his looks may improve also...My partner, LOU PAYNE, had his spring revue, and with him as m.c. it was a huge success. A little bird told me that GEORGE WOODMORE's eyes lit up like saucers when the pretty little dancing girl did a wiggly dance in front of him. To my friend Payne, I would like to know what young lady made him buy new sunglasses because she didn't like the others he wore. Let's hope it isn't so, Lou, for you are the last holdout...Oh, how I have aged--now I'm playing checkers with old-timer JESSE RICHARDSON. He keeps beating me, and you would think he would have pity for a young fellow who used to ride his train when he was going to school. The reason he beats me is that "Super Star" HANK COLDING helps him...It's been two months since JOHN CIMMERER had his operation, and he still asks everyone if they want to see where he was operated on...I'm sure everyone knows that JIMMY HOOD bought a new car. He went too far when he bought artificial grass for seat covers so he can feel at home when he travels down South...Night Clerk SORENSON is ruining the other clerk's image, as he keeps smiling every morning. Now that I have put his name in the Transit News, he will revert to his old form like the rest...I would like to thank the CTA photographer for making me look good shaking hands with CTA Board Chairman MICHAEL CAFFERTY. If only he could have taken a little weight off the front, I might have looked better...So long for now, and if your name didn't appear in this column, we will try to get you in the next one.

*- Santo Siciliano & Lou Payne*

A LUCKY 13--that's what these three boys seem to be thinking as they display the sports trophies they won. The trophies, four for basketball and nine for hockey, were presented at the Harwood Heights Sports banquet on April 14. The proud athletes are, from left, JOHN, 11, DAVID, 14, and TOM EVERDING, age 10, the grandsons of Agent MINNIE DIKEMAN of West Section.

CELEBRATING THEIR 50th wedding anniversary on June 25 were Pensioner and Mrs. JOSEPH PECORARO. They renewed their vows at St. Eugene's church before Reverend Louis Giambastiani, who originally wed them. Mr. Pecoraro was with Way and Structures before his retirement September 1, 1956.

**52ND STREET -**

Well hello! I guess most of you are thinking I had run out on you. Oh no--due to illness, I missed the deadline for the May-June issue. So it's been some time since you've heard from me...First of all, Superintendents JOHN LYNCH and A. BRAUN wish to thank all of us for the fine job we are doing with our safety record. The coffee was on the house...Mr. and Mrs. A. WILLS played host to a group of his co-workers at an outdoor barbecue held at their home on May 30. A grand time was had by all. Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. O. W. HOOKS, Mr. and Mrs. J. MARSHALL, Mr. and Mrs. JOHN L. HUDSON, Mr. and Mrs. I. CLARK, Mr. and Mrs. W. TINSEY, Mr. and Mrs. W. HUDSON, Mr. and Mrs. BILL HENRY, and a few others who I can't name because I lost the second half of my list. But we all had fun, and that's what counts...Operator JESSE BYRD and his family took a trip to Breedsville, Michigan, to visit his mother on Mother's day, and enjoyed themselves to the highest...Our softball team has gotten off to a flying start and is doing rather well. Being piloted by Operator R. RILEY and a starting lineup of I. THOMAS (2B), C. ESSEX (3B), B. HENRY (C), N. BARTON (S.S.), C. DIAL (C.F.), L. SNOW (1B), W. WORD (L.F.), R. RILEY (S.C.), S. JONES (P) and C. ORR (R.F.)...Operator R. HOLMES wants to take this time to thank all of the operators for the support given him in the last election for board member representing 52nd Street...One of our younger operators commented that all you ever read about is the "old timers." That news item box is open to everyone, so the only thing I can say is, maybe the old timers are the only ones putting something in the box.

*- John L. Hudson*

**69TH STREET -**

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. (Mickey) YOUNG's daughter, TERRY LYNN, became Mrs. JOSEPH ELLIGOTT on May 20. The wedding party consisted of six bridesmaids, one junior bridesmaid, a flower girl and a ring bearer. The reception was held at the Pressman's hall with about 300 people attending. I had the pleasure of meeting Mickey's mother and his mother-in-law, Mrs. EDNA HOPPE, who is 77 years old and looks like she is 30. The new son-in-law quashed Mickey's plans of chaperoning them on their honeymoon in Florida...Operator HANK RISCH claims that he and his wife have made a date with the stork, and are looking forward to the blessed event...When Operator JOHN MORNAR heard that his buddy, JOE KOVATZ, was in the hospital, he developed the same symptoms. Now that Joe is back to work, maybe John will get back on the job, too...Operators TONY VANDERBURG and MITCH DAUGHERTY recently returned from vacation looking hale and hearty and ready for another year of work...BARNEY BECKER went to Hawaii on his vacation. Are you changing your mind about Florida, Barney?..DENNY PIERCE may get police protection to guard his jacket. Box Puller McGOWAN, the fastest key at the vaults, says Denny should send it to Darlings and have it rendered for the 20 pounds of oil and grease it contains...Operator TOM GROGAN is looking forward to the day when he can take his pension, and counting the days until his birthday. Marquette will never be the same without his big smile, happy nature and honesty in running on time...Box Puller SY SCELLATO is taking vitamins, and he claims it is making hair grow on the bald spots. Is it cheaper than the "rugs" that ROY HORNING and DON KURATNIK are sporting?..Operator JIM RADLOFF visited the Badger State on his vacation. He said the fishing was great and he enjoyed fine weather...Operator JOE DAVIDSON toured the western states and saw the Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma...Operator GUS MELANDER and his wife loved the Michigan north country. They crossed the Mackinac Bridge into Detour Village and stopped at Cadillac, then on to Ludington for a visit with Superintendent G. D. FEYTON, who was vacationing at his summer home...Operator PORTER, better known as Mr. 59th, picked an A.M. run for the first time ever...Clerk BILL KELLY is in Chicago Osteopathic hospital. Get well, Bill, we miss you...Retired Board Member CHESTER WILLIAMS was also hospitalized recently. We all wish you a speedy recovery, Chester...One of our favorite pensioners, SAM VALLONI, passed away. We offer our deepest sympathy to his loved ones...Co-reporter JIMMY AHERN of the Repair Department, and I wish to congratulate all the newly elected and re-elected union officers. To the ones who didn't make it, we wish them better luck next time. It was good to see all the retired members who came out to vote: CON CROWLEY, DICK CAULEY, GEORGE LAPHAM, KYLE NASH, WILLIE FALEEY, DOMINIC BURKE and many others...TED NIEZABITOWSKI went to the West Coast on his vacation and enjoyed it...Also on vacation are SAM BIBBINS, B. WILLS, C. FIZER, F. MOORE, S. SANECKO and D. DOUGHERTY. We hope you all enjoy yourselves and return safely...We all wish TERRY MUELLNER good luck on his new assignment as night foreman at Forest Glen Garage. Also to C. KUBAL who took Terry's place at 69th Street Garage...We hope everyone has a fine summer; keep us informed because this column depends on you!

*- Art Buesing & Jimmy Ahern*

SEATED AT the piano is ED MARTIN, retired West Section ticket agent, while his brother, FRANK (Speed) MARTIN, sings the gay old tunes that Ed is playing. Frank is also a CTA pensioner who retired in 1950 as a motorman out of the old Armitage barn.

PICTURED HERE are Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH MAGGIO who were united in holy matrimony on May 7 at Holy Cross Lutheran church. The bride is the former EILEEN BECKER, the daughter of Operator H. J. BECKER, Keeler Station.

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# TRANSIT NEWS

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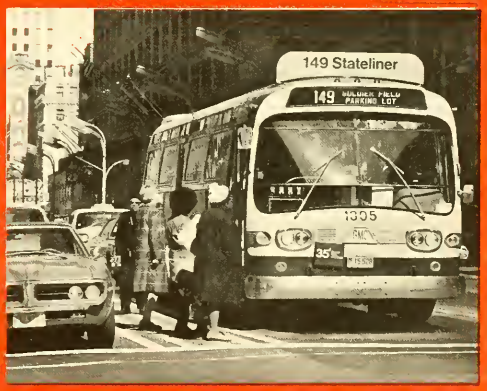
Lawndale station—40 buses

Forest Glen station—113 buses




Kedzie station—85 buses

# New buses keep rolling in!

TO ALL EMPLOYEES:

Needless to say, the series of articles appearing in a Chicago daily newspaper reflecting adversely on CTA have disturbed me greatly. I am sure many of you share my feelings in this matter.

I believe it is important at this time to repeat what I have said time and again; that one of the things that impressed me first when I came to CTA, and continues to impress me, is the loyalty and cooperation of CTA employees in the quality of work performed and the commitment to dedicated service.

You have undoubtedly also learned of plans for CTA to engage in three distinct management studies covering the areas of transit operations, real estate, and personnel management. Since my arrival here 15 months ago, I have been on record early and often as regards management studies and our commitment to streamlining CTA.

I would expect the studies in which we engage will amount to the most comprehensive ever undertaken in the history of CTA. They will establish a blueprint for our future. It is especially significant that it coincides with the 25th anniversary of the commencement of operations of CTA, which was October 1. After a quarter century, the time is right.

U.S. Secretary of Transportation John Volpe, the number one transportation man in the United States, while in Chicago recently said that we need more public transportation systems like the Chicago Transit Authority, which is one of the finest in the world. That's how the CTA is characterized throughout the country and that's the way we intend to be characterized in Chicago.

Our studies will require intensive activity on the part of the study teams and on the part of CTA management and all employees. I need and am asking for your complete cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael Cafferty

Michael Cafferty
Chairman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# CTA seminar gives outsiders an inside look at transit

AT THE invitation of CTA Chairman Michael Cafferty, three members of the federal Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) and a staff member from the American Transit Association (ATA) spent six days in Chicago recently at a transit orientation seminar geared to learning about the inner workings of CTA.

The representatives from UMTA were: Donald E. Kreps, program analyst, Theodore G. Weigle, urban planner, and Philip H. Morgan, office of research, development and demonstration. From ATA, Robert C. Stark, director of statistics, attended.

The six-day seminar was designed to acquaint the participants with the operation of CTA and its associated problems. The first two days were spent studying the work of the Transportation Department with a day set aside for bus operation and the other for rapid transit operation. Sessions were held at CTA's training school, at bus garages and rapid transit terminals, in the operations control center, and with supervisors out on the system.

The following two days covered the activities of the Shops and Equipment Department learning about vehicle servicing, cleaning and maintenance procedures and overhaul facilities. An important aspect included the preparation for service of new buses, currently being delivered to CTA.

Time was devoted to explaining the procedures followed in the Purchasing, Specifications & Stores Department, and in the Accounting and Payroll Departments. A field survey of engineering projects in progress was conducted. Several hours were spent in the Schedule Department learning how service requirements are measured and how schedules are designed.

Saturday included a session with personnel involved in planning and capital program implementation for CTA along with Bernard G. Cunningham, Assistant Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation. Subjects covered were CTA's capital grant program, regional planning in the area, coordination with other transit carriers, the history and mission of the Illinois Department of Transportation and a look into the future.

To close the session, the participants met with Mr. Cafferty who discussed with them the responsibilities of the chairman and the processes by which transit policies are formulated. Each participant was issued a certificate and a "Planner's Packet" containing many useful reference papers, statistics, maps and reports relating to transit in Chicago.

**A PANORAMIC course that covers the entire operation of CTA, the CTATI is a six-day seminar designed to benefit those concerned with public transportation. Pictured below is one of the classroom sessions with CTA management personnel.**

The participants hailed the six-day session as being enlightening, informative, and time considerably well spent. According to Weigle, "The seminar was an invaluable experience for one trying to understand the operations of a transit system." Kreps said: "A truly remarkable learning experience in helping to understand the perspective of those who are trying to make urban mass transportation work."

ATA's Stark had this to say: "The CTA seminar was one of the finest programs I have ever attended. It was super-informative—a real education." Morgan commented: "Transit systems are now something real to me and I know that I will be able to do a much better job in UMTA because of the opportunity to gain firsthand knowledge."

"This introductory course in transit fills an important need. It will be formalized by CTA and known as the Chicago Transit Authority Technical Institute (CTATI). We will be offering it on a regular basis. We are confident that many others, in and out of the transit industry as well as those having governmental transit responsibilities, will find it worthwhile to learn about the intricacies of operating a major mass transit system," said Chairman Cafferty.

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OUR COVER: Arriving at the rate of 40 a week, new buses are now operating at five of the seven stations slated to receive them. While pulling out a brand new bus at Lawndale Station, Operator John McClain paused to hand Garage Foreman Joseph Ritrovato one of the candy souvenirs being presented to riders when each bus first enters service. The new buses permitted the retirement of the last of the 22-year old 600's operating from Lawndale.

# New buses keep rolling in!

SINCE THEIR introduction on August 11, new buses have continued to roll into Chicago at the rate of 40 a week. By mid-November all 525 will be in service.

Initially placed in service at Archer Station, new buses have since entered service at 52nd Street Station on August 28, Forest Glen Station on September 1, Lawndale Station on September 25 and Kedzie Station on October 2. The last two of seven stations to receive new buses will be North Avenue and 77th Street.

New buses are being assigned to routes in a manner which permits their use by the greatest possible number of passengers. The number of units used on the selected routes from each station is generally sufficient to provide all mid-day and weekend service as well as about one-third of the weekday rush hour service. Seven routes on which totally air-conditioned service is being provided by the new buses are the 56A North Milwaukee, 64 Foster-Lawrence, 68 Northwest Highway, 85A North Central, 88 Higgins and 90 Harlem routes from Forest Glen Station and the 149 Michigan-State-Wacker route from Kedzie Station.

Coincidental with the assignment of the new buses to the 149 route on October 2, the route was renamed the 149 Stateliner. Special roofline banners have been mounted near the front of each bus to identify the 35¢ reduced fare buses.

Purchase of the buses is one of the projects included in the first $80 million of CTA's $122 million Capital Renewal Program which is being funded by the federal Urban Mass Transportation Administration, the Illinois Department of Transportation and the CTA.

Except for ten buses purchased in 1965, the 525 new buses are the first to be acquired by CTA with air conditioning. They also include distinctive new exterior colors and bright, roomy interiors which resulted from CTA's poll of 30,000 persons.

DURING A ceremony at the Jefferson Park Transit Center on September 1, the first 25 buses in a fleet of 113 being assigned to Forest Glen Station were phased into service. Bus Operator Ralph Groot (above) on the 68 Northwest Highway route became the first to drive a new bus after he was called to the speaker's stand by CTA Chairman Michael Cofferty. During a free demonstration ride following the ceremony (below) Chairman Cofferty passed out candy souvenirs to those test-riding the new buses.

THESE OPERA-GOERS rode in class to the opening of the Lyric Opera season in Chicago and the performance of "I Due Foscari." They chartered one of the new air-conditioned buses to take them from the dinner at the Casino Club to the Civic Opera House, and then to the opera ball at the Conrad Hilton hotel.

## *CTA Chairman Cafferty:*

## 'Old 600's...reliable workhorses that outlived their usefulness'

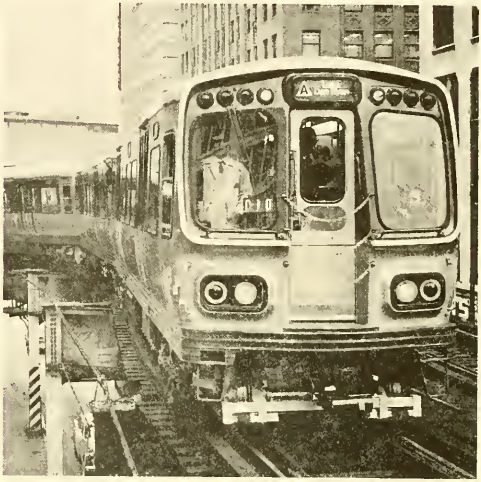
THE ASSIGNMENT of new air-conditioned buses to Lawndale Station permitted the retirement of CTA's oldest buses, the 19 units remaining in series 601-700 originally purchased by the Chicago Motor Coach in 1950 to replace the last double deckers.

Commenting on their retirement. CTA Chairman Cafferty said, "The old 600's have been reliable workhorses for 22 years. They have long outlived their usefulness and have earned a well-deserved retirement. On the average, each bus has accumulated 700,000 miles--the equivalent of 28 trips around the equator--and has transported about 4 million riders."

A comparison of certain features on CTA's newest and oldest buses is presented below. Many of the improvements to design and rider comfort are apparent in the table, as well as in the picture above. The most revolutionary feature, according to Cafferty, is the package of anti-pollution devices that reduces exhaust odor, smoke and operating noise.

| | SERIES 601-700 | SERIES 1000-1524 |
|---|---|---|
| Year built | 1950 | 1972 |
| Manufacturer | GMC | GMC |
| Engine, cylinders | Diesel, In line 6 | Diesel, V-8 |
| Horsepower & Revolutions per minute | 200 hp at 1,800 rpm | 239 hp at 2,000 rpm |
| Displacement | 425.6 cu. in. | 567 cu. in. |
| Compression ratio | 16.0 to 1 | 18.7 to 1 |
| Exhaust dispersion | Tailpipe under bumper | Vertical aspirated from roofline |
| Fuel injector valve | Type S | Type LSN-50 |
| Steering | Manual | Power |
| Suspension | Spring | Air ride with automatic height control & leveling |
| Fuel tank capacity | 82 gallons | 125 gallons |
| Air comfort system | Heater at front of bus | Central forced-air ventilating, heating, air-conditioning--thermostatically controlled |
| Lighting | Incandescent | Fluorescent |
| Windows | Lifting sash | Picture |
| Seats | Upholstered spring cushion | Contoured, padded inserts |
| Interior trim | Painted | Melamine--white, gold fleck ceiling and walnut woodgrain walls |
| Exterior trim: | | |
| Sides below windows | Aluminum, painted | Fluted anodized aluminum |
| Colors | 2-Green and cream | 3-Lime green, pine green, pearl white |
| Entrance step height | 15 inches | 13½ inches |
| Cost new | $20,950 | $41,443 |

# Silver train introduction marks CTA 25th anniversary



COINCIDING WITH CTA's 25th anniversary, a six-car train of newly-painted silver rapid transit cars was placed in service on the Lake-Dan Ryan route on October 2. CTA celebrated its 25th anniversary as an operating company on October 1.

The cars introduce the new silver and black styling that will identify CTA's growing fleet of air-conditioned rapid transit cars. The six cars are part of a group of 180 built in 1964, Chicago's first with air conditioning, all due for repainting now. They were originally painted mint green and alpine white. Repainted silver cars are entering service at the rate of two to four cars a week.

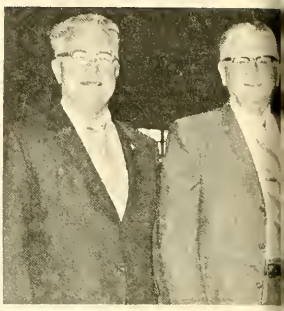
With their modern styling, the fleet of 1964-model cars will resemble the 100 new rapid transit cars, a scale model of which was recently unveiled by CTA Chairman Michael Cafferty. The new cars are being purchased as part of CTA's $122 million Capital Renewal Program. Scheduled for delivery in 1974, the new cars have been styled with the assistance of Sundberg-Ferar, the nationally recognized industrial design firm.

The 150 stainless steel cars built in 1969-70 will also receive the black band around windows as time and paint shop capacity permits, bringing the silver and black styling to 430 cars—more than a third of CTA's rapid transit fleet.

**Lawndale station**

**Douglas station**

**Skokie shop**



# ISC, ESC award winners named

VYING FOR first place within their respective areas in CTA's safety contests, winners of second quarter awards found the competition fierce and came out on top in some apparent photo finishes.

Interstation Safety Contest (ISC): Lawndale Station headed up the list of 12 operating stations to win the surface system plaque with a final score of 58.26, only 5.37 points ahead of second place 52nd Street and 5.78 points ahead of third place 69th Street. Douglas Station came in first among nine operating stations, winning the rapid transit system plaque with a perfect score of 75.00, well ahead of second place Jefferson Park (49.76) and third place Howard (46.92).

Employees Safety Contest (ESC): North Park Garage led the surface garage competition among 12 locations for the second quarter in a row, winning the second quarter award with an accident frequency rate of 48.2, only 1.5 points better than second place Limits Garage. A combination of three terminals on the West-Northwest route--Congress, 54th, Foster--won the No. 1 spot in the rapid transit maintenance terminal competition with an accident frequency rate

# Special trains, buses serve football games

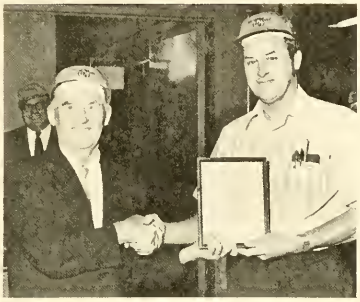
FOOTBALL FANS who have missed the kickoff because they were snarled in traffic or unable to find a parking place are sure winners for riding CTA. And by avoiding the strain of driving, they can save their energy to root their favorite team.

During the 1972 football season CTA is operating special services to all Bears and Wildcat home games, providing a convenient link between Soldier Field, Dyche Stadium and the entire CTA network of bus and rapid transit routes.

Chicago Bears home games at Soldier Field will be played on the evening of Monday, October 23 (Minnesota), and afternoons on Sundays, November 12 (Green Bay), November 19 (San Francisco), and November 26 (Cincinnati). Bus service direct to the field is provided by regular No. 126 Jackson service operating east from Austin boulevard. Supplemental service on the No. 126 route is also provided for two hours prior to game time--starting at 6 p.m. for the Monday game and at 11 a.m. for Sunday games. Buses leave Franklin and Jackson every few minutes, providing convenient transfers from all connecting bus and rapid transit routes operating to the Loop. On Sundays special buses also connect with arriving trains at North Western Station, carrying fans direct to Soldier Field. Following the games No. 126 buses depart as they are loaded for Austin, the Loop, or North Western Station.

Northwestern U. Wildcat home games at Dyche Stadium will be played on Saturdays, October 28 (Indiana), November 4 (Illinois), and November 18 (Ohio State). Rapid transit service is provided to the Central street station in Evanston--only two blocks from the stadium. Regular Evanston service, making all stops between the Howard and Linden terminals, is supplemented for one and one-half hours before game time by "Wildcat Specials" which operate non-stop from Howard to Central station. The specials leave Howard starting at Noon on October 28 and at 11:30 a.m. on November 4 and 18. Direct connections are made with North-South route trains at the Howard street station. After the games, regular Evanston service is supplemented by "Wildcat Specials" operating non-stop to Howard station, leaving Central street until 5:00 p.m. on October 28 and until 4:30 p.m. on November 4 and 18.

North Park garage



Congress terminal

# for second quarter of 1972

of 27.9, giving them a safe margin ahead of the South Side terminals at 61st and at Racine, with a 40.7 rate. Skokie Shop excelled in the shops competition overtaking South Shops with final scores for the quarter at 87.5 to 92.1. The accident frequency rate upon which winners are selected is based on the number of injuries per one million manhours worked.

Accepting Lawndale's plaque was Station Superintendent J. B. Morris (right) who is shown with Superintendent of Operating Stations G. A. Riley. J. P. Flynn (right) accepted the plaque for Douglas Station from Assistant Superintendent of Operating Stations C. W. Gibes. Shown at the Skokie Shop award presentation are, from left, Superintendent of Shops & Equipment G. J. Clark, Superintendent of Rapid Transit Shops & Terminals J. R. Bolech, Manager of Finance P. J. Meinardi and Superintendent of Skokie Shop R. S. Winther. Presenting the award to North Park Garage Foreman P. E. O'Connor (right) is Garage Supervisor T. Riordan. The award for Congress, 54th and Foster maintenance terminals was presented to Foreman J. A. Cannella by Senior Foreman of Maintenance Terminals R. E. Flowers.

# Organizational changes announced

BULLETINS ANNOUNCING the appointment of 12 supervisory employees to new posts within six CTA departments were issued recently. The departments affected are as follows:

Assistant Secretary--S. M. Bianchi was appointed to the post of assistant secretary to the board and special assistant to the chairman by General Manager T. B. O'Connor. The appointment became effective October 1.

Investigations and Claims--F. J. Mullen was named superintendent of investigations and claims effective October 1. His appointment was announced by Manager of Finance P. J. Meinardi and approved by General Manager O'Connor.

Law--J. L. Devine became first assistant general attorney on October 24. His appointment was made by General Attorney J. G. O'Donohue and approved by General Manager O'Connor.

Personnel--F. C. Knautz was appointed director of personnel by General Manager O'Connor effective October 1. On October 2 the following appointments were made by Mr. Knautz and approved by General Manager O'Connor: J. Rodriguez became acting superintendent of employment and placement, J. J. O'Connor became assistant superintendent of employment and placement, R. J. Ruzich became superintendent of job classification.

Schedule-Traffic--H. R. Hirsch was appointed by General Manager O'Connor as superintendent of schedule-traffic effective October 1. Also named to new posts were W. W. Worcester as assistant superintendent of schedule division, W. J. Thomas as assistant superintendent of schedule making, and E. A. Reilly as assistant superintendent of traffic division.

Purchases, Specifications and Stores--F. A. Johnson became assistant superintendent of purchasing on September 4. The appointment was announced by General Superintendent of Purchases, Specifications and Stores G. S. Graybiel and approved by General Manager O'Connor.

# Medically Speaking

## by Dr. George H. Irwin

**ALCOHOL IS** the cause of the nation's major treatable--but largely untreated--illness, according to a report from the National Institute on Alcoholism.

Of the country's 95 million-plus drinkers, about 9 million are victims of alcoholism. Besides causing intense emotional suffering, the institute reported alcoholism shortens the life of people by 10 to 12 years. Sometimes this occurs through slow damage done to internal organs. Sometimes through swift and violent damage to the organs. Autopsies show a high alcohol content in the blood of half of all traffic accident victims. In addition, alcoholism costs the United States 15 billion dollars a year in property damage, lost work time, and for health and welfare aid to alcoholics and their families.

Although the report states that alcoholism can be successfully treated by a variety of methods, mostly psychological, the nation persists in trying to handle the problem through law and punishment. In most states, public drunkeness can result in a fine or a jail term or both. One-third of all arrests are for being drunk in public.

In a study in London, England, it was shown that alcoholism is not just a skid row illness. Heavy drinkers are likely to be professional men or aggressive business managers. Alcoholic wives were found to be common also, especially among women whose children have grown up and left home and who rarely see their husbands because of their work. Four times as many men as women are alcoholics. Most of these are middle aged but one in five is under 30.

Symptoms of alcoholism, as we all know, vary somewhat according to the individual's general health, tolerance to alcohol and the amount consumed.

The primary effects are stimulating but the subsequent effects are depressing and deteriorating. People who drink steadily develop various symptoms. In the beginning, as stated above, drinking produces stimulating and at the same time tranquilizing effects. Personal problems and worries temporarily are diminished or eliminated only to recur in an accentuated pattern later on. People may start drinking just to be sociable or for a real need to control nervousness, emotions, boredom, monotony or anxiety.

The long term effects may be manifested by nervousness, insomnia, personality changes, mental illness, tremors, delerium tremors, circulatory disorders such as high blood pressure or heart failure, neuritis (alcoholic), various digestive disturbances due to lack of balanced nutrition, and lastly and most serious, cirrhosis of the liver. The latter in uncontrolled drinking usually ends fatally.

The treatment of alcoholism is gradually changing because recent research has resulted in more factual and reliable medical information.

The old method, still employed in many hospitals and institutions, consists of so-called "drying out" the drinks, intravenous feedings of vitamins followed by proper psychological training and adjustments. Those who are not hospitalized are fined and put in jail until they sober up. However, we must give credit to Alcoholics Anonymous. This organization has done much good. The criticism of the old management is the fact that most of the studies have been carried out after the subject has stopped drinking or in the absence of alcohol.

A recent study was made by a group of doctors at the Veteran's Administration hospital at Coatesville, Pennsylvania. The theory of this study emphasizes the logic of medical research for evaluation of symptoms, diagnosis and treatment resulting from induced inebriation--giving alcohol to the alcoholics under controlled conditions. The research covered three six-week studies in a closed ward. The attending personnel and patients were carefully selected. There were three groups of patients, one-third was given measured drinks hourly during the day (9 a.m. to 9 p.m.), one-third began drinking freely but stopped, and the other third took no drink at all. Blood-alcohol studies were made four times a day plus many other laboratory studies. The study showed higher blood-alcohol content, more damage to internal organs, and more severe withdrawal symptoms in the group of free choice drinkers as compared to the programmed administration of alcohol.

The treatment program included two hours a week of individual psychotherapy, daily physical therapy, bi-weekly administrative ward meeting, educational and religious seminars, Alcoholics Anonymous music therapy, marital case work, recreational and occupational therapy.

In conclusion, recent studies show much progress. Through continued medical research it is expected that the problem of alcoholism will not only become controllable but also curable. It is very important to have complete cooperation between the patient and the doctor. The first step should be the willingness of the individual to admit he is an alcoholic and finally his desire to cooperate 100 per cent in the medical program.

Entering retirement October 1

# L. C. Dutton, R. N. Goldstein, M. J. McDermott

TRANSIT CAREERS of three long-time employees came to a close October 1 with the retirement of Leroy C. Dutton, Richard N. Goldstein and Michael J. McDermott. Besides their concurrent retirements, all three had something else in common--each one started and remained in the same department from which he retired. And each one retired from a supervisory position in their respective departments--Mr. Dutton and Mr. Goldstein in the Schedule-Traffic Department, Mr. McDermott in the Claim Department.

LEROY DUTTON started his 47-year transit career on March 2, 1925, as a traffic checker for the Chicago Surface Lines. He subsequently became a traffic clerk in 1929, schedule clerk in 1933, schedule maker in 1935, and assistant superintendent of the Schedule-Traffic Department in 1945. Mr. Dutton was named superintendent of the CTA Schedule-Traffic Department in 1958, the position which he held until the time of his retirement. Mr. Dutton has been an active member, as well as chairman, of the American Transit Association Schedule Committee.

RICHARD GOLDSTEIN started his 44-year transit career on April 30, 1928, as a traffic checker for the Chicago Motor Coach company. He subsequently became a traffic clerk in 1929, schedule clerk in 1930, schedule maker in 1931, assistant superintendent of schedules in 1932, and superintendent of schedules in 1947. In CTA's Schedule-Traffic Department, Mr. Goldstein became assistant superintendent of traffic in 1953, assistant superintendent of schedules in 1958, and superintendent of schedule operations in 1971, the position which he held until his retirement.

MICHAEL McDERMOTT started his 36-year transit career on March 3, 1936, as a statementman for Chicago Surface Lines. He subsequently became a witness accident and inquest clerk in 1937, assistant chief investigator in 1945, office manager in 1946, assistant chief adjuster in 1953, chief adjuster in 1964, and assistant superintendent of adjusting division in 1969. After serving as acting superintendent for two months, Mr. McDermott was appointed superintendent of investigations and claims on July 1, 1970, the position which he held until the time of his retirement.

## Div. 308 Regulars win 1972 softball championship

SOFTBALL CHAMPS for the second successive year, the 308 ATU Regulars managed by Motorman Joe L. Rayburn stomped on the 69th Street Station team, winning 9 to 2. Postponed for three weeks due to inclement weather, the championship game was finally played on September 3 in Grant Park, bringing a season close to the 1972 Divisions 241-308—CTA softball league.

Organized by Division 241 in cooperation with the CTA, the sports program is now in its fourth year. It is under the direction of Beverly Station Operator Agis Bray, a former member of the famous Harlem Globe Trotters. As an after-hours sports and recreational activities program, it is designed to establish a healthful and psychological relationship among its members.

# Service anniversaries in September

## 45 years

A. Gasparovic, South Shops

T. Riordan, South Shops

## 40 years

E. A. Reilly, Schedule & Traffic

## 35 years

D. L. Barthen, North Section
J. C. Ciszek, Archer
R. W. Gunderson, Skokie Shop
B. L. Neuman, North Park
J. J. Roche, Utility & Emergency Service
E. T. Schultz, West Section
T. A. Schaughnessy, Beverly
J. J. Suda, Travel Information
W. G. Uhlemann, North Park
W. J. Widinski, Skokie Shop
H. C. Williamson, North Avenue
A. E. Young, West Section

## 30 years

A. J. Beauchamp, South Shops
J. F. Boyce, Insurance
L. H. Butler, North Park
M. F. Bystrek, North Avenue
J. H. Coburn, Forest Glen
L. F. Czaszewicz, Archer
J. J. Dolan, North Park
C. L. Elke, North Avenue
E. P. Federowicz, Limits
J. L. Fleischmann, Limits
M. J. Galvin, Forest Glen
N. J. Gewelke, Utility & Emergency Service
E. T. Gundlach, North Avenue
A. M. Gusich, Treasury
S. R. Hyerczyk, Lawndale
S. B. Janasek, South Shops
S. A. Javorski, Utility & Emergency Service
R. E. Kelley, North Avenue
R. J. Kenny, General Accounting
J. A. Kent, Kedzie
W. F. Kerrigan, District A
L. S. Kettering, Keeler
E. Kisman, Beverly
C. F. Kocinski, Archer
J. R. Kowalski, Forest Glen
F. R. Kozicki, Archer
L. A. Krause, Archer
W. H. Kugelberg, Keeler
J. Marasovic, Stores - South Division
T. J. McLarney, Archer
A. Millstone, North Park
E. P. Newton, North Park
H. O'Malley, Archer
W. G. Pamper, North Avenue
W. J. Porcelius, Utility & Emergency Service
S. H. Posner, North Park
R. Powell, Kedzie
R. F. Rahn, North Avenue
T. V. Ropey, North Avenue
C. G. Redemske, North Avenue
I. Sher, North Park
C. J. Starr, South Shops
T. M. Stram, Archer
G. L. Tysl, Archer
G. L. Wilson, Instruction - Archer
R. A. Zapp, Forest Glen
A. Zasimowic, Treasury
W. J. Zimos, Skokie Shop

## 25 years

C. F. Adamowski, Stores
E. M. Adamowski, Internal Auditing
J. S. Angel, Electrical Distribution
E. F. Augustine, South Shops
W. A. Baran, North Avenue Garage
W. H. Beckmann, Building Wiring Division
R. M. Brindise, North Avenue
B. Butkiewicz, 69th Street Garage
B. E. Cadney, Reproduction Services
D. J. Callahan, Forest Glen
M. Cowling, 77th Street
T. W. Craig, 77th Street Garage
L. Dake, 69th Street
C. Dansby, Dan Ryan Maintenance Terminal
R. H. Dobbertin, Instruction - North Division Garages
C. C. Herchenroder, North Section
O. A. Hosendove, Archer
C. L. Howard, Archer
J. R. Jeffery, Kedzie
V. L. Johnson, Forest Glen
R. C. Kaplan, Forest Glen Garage
S. J. Kaules, West Section
A. Kiszka, North Avenue

# Service anniversaries in October

## 35 years

R. Gottlieb, Keeler Garage
F. J. Misek, Research & Planning
J. M. Sedivy, Track & Structures

## 30 years

C. M. Aschenbrenner, Building Maintenance Division
F. J. Becker, Utility & Emergency Service
T. P. Bowman, South Shops
H. Buikema, District A
L. Burdzinski, Archer
E. T. Chapleski, District D
W. B. Chase, North Section
A. P. Christian, 77th Street
B. J. Chromczak, West Section
H. A. Fitzgerald, West Section
J. T. Giunta, North Avenue
F. R. Gray, Archer
M. J. Janowski, North Avenue
I. Johnson, Office Services
M. J. Kehoe, North Avenue
B. W. Kerpen Jr., District C
J. J. Kirby, Beverly
E. W. Kankey, Forest Glen
E. J. Krusinski, Archer
W. L. Kulikauska, 69th Street Garage
E. H. Larson, Archer
F. E. Louward, South Shops
J. E. Luscalzo, Lawndale
S. M. Mann, Forest Glen
J. K. Marek, Schedule & Traffic
H. W. Newman, North Park
A. W. Noble, North Avenue
A. J. O'Brien, Skokie Shop
E. R. O'Connell, District A
M. J. Pindak, Archer
A. J. Parcara, Rapid Transit Terminals
W. Rajewski, West Section
W. C. Scott, Surface System Garages
R. Sommers, Lawndale
A. A. Tuccy, Forest Glen
N. Vonkaenel, West Section

## 25 years

G. Arendt, Skokie Shop
M. Babiak, Archer Garage
A. S. Bedae, Skokie Shop
A. F. Blazevich, South Shops
C. Barcic, Beverly Garage
F. J. Buglio, North Park Garage
J. Byrne, Forest Glen Garage
L. Carr, 61st Street Maintenance Terminal
J. J. Cecalo, Internal Auditing
C. A. Cobleigh, 77th Street Garage
R. J. Colella, Instruction-Training Center
T. C. Drag, Limits Garage
F. A. Fawcett, Kimball Maintenance Terminal
C. A. Gazinski, Keeler Garage
R. W. Goebig, Beverly
F. A. Grajek, Beverly
M. J. Granger, 77th Street Garage
S. J. Grzywna, South Shops
S. J. Hillock, South Shops
J. Janas, Forest Glen
J. Kalinowski, South Shops
W. J. Kelly, Relief Clerk-Surface
J. J. Marszalek, Building & Construction
C. B. Mathews, Beverly
M. J. McDonnell, Lawndale Garage
E. F. Menzel, Electrical Distribution
P. J. Michalewicz, Power Operations
C. J. Naga, Archer
S. R. Nowak, West Section
J. J. Olandese, Lowndale Garage
P. O'Shea, South Shops
D. Parker, West Section
D. Pierce, 69th Street Garage
W. Powell, 77th Street
D. J. Proffitt, General Accounting
P. Quinlivan, Beverly Garage
W. G. Radke, South Shops
M. Rickson, Electrical Engineering
F. Skrzynski, Kedzie Garage
J. C. Smith, North Section
O. J. Smith, South Shops
S. B. Spizzirri, Building Maintenance Division
R. B. Tausch, Substation Engineering
T. S. Zawistowski, Forest Glen Garage

D. J. Lemery, 69th Street Garage
A. E. Luckey, North Section
P. Mannorelli, 69th Street
L. E. Marcinek, Lawndale Garage
H. V. McCahill, North Avenue Garage
J. McCray, South Shops
H. R. McGann, Lawndale Garage
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## AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**ACCOUNTING (Payroll) -**

We are glad to report that YVONNE ZAJAC is now home from the hospital and recovering nicely from surgery. Keep up the good work, Yvonne, so you can return to us real soon...This is the time of year when folks are bitten by the travel bug and we have received many cards to prove it. STANLEY MAILUCK certainly kept us informed of his travels. We enjoyed the cards from Pennsylvania of the Monogahela Incline, and the University of Pittsburgh. He enjoyed a tour of the Hershey plant, located at Cocoa and Chocolate avenues in Hershey, Pennsylvania. A cruise on the Ohio river aboard the Gateway Clipper started out at a chilly 34 degrees in the morning, but fortunately warmed up to 75 degrees. He toured the Amish Country of Strasberg, Lancaster County, and Berlos City, Pennsylvania, and the scenic Shenandoah Skyline drive in Roanoke, Virginia... MARY JANE JOHNSON sent cards from way down in Bonita Springs, Florida, near Fort Myers where the weather was quite warm. She found Everglades Wonder Garden on the Imperial river very interesting and only a short distance from her aunt's home. The Johnsons visited Fort Lauderdale, Miami Beach and Key West; also enjoyed Disney World in Orlando, despite the crowds and extremely warm weather...DOROTHY NYCZAK and her family spent their vacation at their favorite spot, Saddle Island Lake, Michigan. Of course the trip would not be complete without a visit to Deer Forest in Coloma, Michigan, another favorite place...VI MEYER enjoyed a relaxing time in Chicago and the surrounding area, and acquired that lovely sun tan on her sister's boat on Holiday Lake...We received greetings from JOSEPHINE O'KRAY from Osage Beach, Missouri. Her next destination will be Wisconsin... MARY BLACKMORE reported that it was pretty chilly at Namekagon Lake in Cable, Wisconsin, and that the fish were not very cooperative...CHRISTINE CAMERON took off in a 747 for the Scandinavian countries and Scotland. We will look forward to the report of her travels next month.

*- Clara Lawrence*

**(General) -**

Congratulations to CHU GOSRISIRIKUL and his wife who became parents for the first time on July 30 when little LYN was born weighing in at 6 pounds 5 ounces...MARY ALICE CLEARY became a grandmother for the tenth time when her third granddaughter was born on August 17. The new baby was named MARY KATHLEEN... ANN SLOAN spent part of her vacation in Delavan, Wisconsin, with her brother and his family. At this writing, KATHY SLOYAN is visiting her family in Ireland... Our deepest sympathy is extended to ALICE ARKIN of the Revenue Accounting section in the death of her mother.

*- Judy Cuci*

**(Tabulating) -**

CARMELLA PETRELLA spent a delightful week's vacation visiting in and about New Rochelle and New York City, taking in the sights and shows and getting plenty of sun... MARGE DORGAN spent a lazy but pleasant vacation in Fontana, Wisconsin... On the July 14 weekend, MARION SUTHERLAND flew to California to attend the wedding of her son, RICHARD. The ceremony took place amid the flowers of a beautiful garden on a perfect day. The reception was also held in the garden. Our wishes for much happiness are extended to Richard and his bride...Norway, Michigan, was the site MARIE FOLZ selected for her vacation. The weather was beautiful and it was nice to get away. Marie was also in the hospital for a short stay. Nice that it was short, Marie...Michigan also attracted BOB RISE, only it was Grand Rapids he visited. Bob also looked in on former boss, BILL WILLIAMS, who is certainly enjoying his leisure...CLARENCE BUTHMAN and his family spent their vacation in and around the beautiful State of Missouri, making short stops with relatives there... ERMA GOARD celebrated her vacation by participating in an unfortunate auto accident, which because of a whiplash injury, left her wearing a modish, high, tight collar, which was the envy of exactly no one. We are happy to say she has now recuperated and the lovely collar is gone...DAN FRUSOLONE was also in an auto accident which gave him a couple of cracked ribs and several cuts and abrasions about the face. He also is back to work and feeling better...NICOLE SUZANNE is the name of the newcomer who joined the family circle of JERRY and BARBARA DEN HAMER. She made her appearance on August 2 weighing in at 7 pounds 5 ounces. Congratulations to the happy and proud parents...A farewell luncheon was given on August 3 for KAREN HERMAN who has moved to Roswell, New Mexico. Messages Karen sent from "The Land of Enchantment" say that she has a lovely apartment, the climate is great, and she enjoys walking in the desert. She spends her weekends in the mountains. Wish we could say the same. Sounds great, Karen, and good luck in your new home from all of us.

*- Evelyn Lee*

**BEVERLY -**

Your co-scribe, TOM DANIELS, has just returned to work after being on the sick list for about four months. I was in Little Company of Mary hospital with cirvicular ridiculitis, which in layman's language means a pinched nerve of the spine. The traction weight on my right arm made it a half inch longer, and the 20 pounds under my chin stretched me to five feet nine. I could have done without this as I am too old for the police force. The only thing that cured me was a trip to Hot Springs, Arkansas, for the baths, massages, and some loving tender care. I found out that I was the youngest man there. Just returned from Florida, and I'm sorry I didn't have time to visit all my buddies on pension. Thanks to Operator JOHN KING and all my friends who visited me in the hospital, and for their cards, phone calls and gifts which I shall never forget. Operator CHARLIE GILTMIER was very nice to me and even let me wear his foam rubber collar. Thanks again to Operator TONY VANDERBERG, 69th Street Station, for the basket of fruit. Pensioner JERRY GLEASON was in the hospital at the same time, and his wife, VI, brought us the papers and some goodies every day. Jerry was the scribe for the Union Leader for many years, and is still doing some outstanding charity work. Thanks to Operator AMOS

THE GLEAM seen lately in the eyes of Pensioner FREDERICK J. FEINENDEGEN is apparently for his two grandchildren pictured here, JANICE and JEFFREY FEINENDEGEN. Fred retired on September 1, 1965, as foreman of the Vehicle Wiring Section at Skokie Shop.

FOSTER, my co-scribe, for keeping this column alive every month. He was also in the hospital but is out now and doing fine. Now for a little bit of good news... Received a nice letter and card from Pensioner RALPH LAYTON and his wife, FLORENCE. Ralph was resting for 43 years on the bus, and now Florence has him on a "honey do" vacation fixing up their new home. The new address is 7308 Springfield Drive, Holiday, Florida 33589. We would also like to say hello to LeROY ERICKSON, OLLIE DAVIS, BILL RADLOFF, RUDY KOPOWITZ, TOM O'SHEA, CHARLIE SUNDBLAD, and all the pensioners in St. Petersburg. We wish all of you good luck and a long and happy life...If you have moved and changed your address, or if you do not get the Transit News, let your scribe know as the CTA has to pay double postage when the magazine is returned. Thanks! ..Clerk RAY KOCMOUD worked at Beverly one day, just to spy, and see if he would pick over here...Superintendents GEORGE EVANS and JOSEPH WILL wish to thank the 35 college boys who helped out during the summer vacations. Instructor CLARENCE HEILBRONNER had the tough job of training these boys on short notice. I talked to Operator MATHEW WALKER who is going to Malcolm X college, and to Operator JIM NIELSON who is attending DePaul university. We hope you have saved enough to pay your tuition, and hope to see some of you back next year...Clerk JOHN KIRBY just received a new Ford LTD from a friend. John, if you want to be a "Man of Distinction" trade it in on a Cadillac, and when you pull up to the country club they will hold the door open for you...We wish the chief clerks of the other depots would call Beverly so we could post a death notice on the bulletin board. The operators leave us on a system pick and we never know until the burial. The least we can do is show up at the wake and pay our respects. Thank you, brothers... Glad to see Starter RALPH ZACCARIELLO back at 63rd & Kedzie terminal. He always does a fine job in helping the men, and keeps the street running smoothly...The sanitary engineers try to keep our washrooms clean, but we have a few men who should practice their art work at home. Let's keep the walls clean, and if the shoe fits, put it on...Operator IRV HENDERSON is vacationing at his summer home in Idlewild, Michigan. Operator CLARENCE COWAN is also at Idlewild, and is a neighbor of Irving's.

*- Tom Daniels & Amos Foster*

**CLAIM & LAW -**

The FRIEDL family recently celebrated 75 years of marital bliss. No, HAROLD hasn't been married that long; he and his wife, LORRAINE, have been married 25 years, and Mr. and Mrs. FRIEDL Sr. will take credit for the other 50. Their happiness was shared at a wonderful party with family and friends which added enjoyment to their celebration...The CTA bowling team made a good showing in the City of Chicago Bureau of Engineering League by placing fourth in a ten-team league. The bowlers are: TIM O'ROURKE and ED COMAN of the Claim Department (Ed is now on pension), MEL ALEXANDER of Public Information, DON RIESS of the Employment Department, JIM TOOLIS of the Purchasing Department, and CHARLES DROZDA of Research and Planning. In addition to their placing in the league, the team had second high series for the season; second highest individual series with handicap (O'Rourke-701); second highest individual game with handicap (Coman-275), and second highest individual game scratch (Toolis-236). They also had the highest single game in the league, 1124. Next season this team predicts that it will improve and become the top team in the league. Any male interested in forming CTA team Number 2 in this league, contact any of the above mentioned bowlers for information... The best of luck to JOHN JANKOWSKI who retired on July 1 after 40 years of service. John and his wife are touring Europe for the first six months of retirement. John, the recipients of those beautiful post cards thank you for your thoughtfullness...NAOMI JENKINS, retired brief writer of the Claim Department, passed away recently in London, England. Miss Jenkins moved to London after retiring, living there for six years. Two years ago she returned and resided in Elwood, Indiana. In May she sailed on the liner France once more to reside in London. Interment was in Churchyard of St. Mary the Virgin Anglican church in Luttenworth. . . Friends of JOSEPHINE V. KELLY, former switchboard operator, will be sorry to learn that she passed away in St. Francis hospital in Evanston...We wish a successful school year to our summer employees: GERRI MILLER, CATHY COMERFORD, EILEEN POWELL, GLORIA SCHALLER, MARY BETH SANDBERG, and KEN McCREA. Hope to see all of you next year...Attention train riders--MARGE SCHINTZ would appreciate any expired train tickets. You may send them to her c/o Claim Department, Room 7-146...Fall vacations are on the way, so tell us about them!

*- Rosemarie Ritrovato & Terri Kramer*

**ELECTRICAL (General Office) -**

A nuptial mass was celebrated on July 1 uniting KENDRICK BISSET, electrical engineer I, and DONNA CABAN in marriage. The ceremony took place in Newman chapel, Edwardsville, Illinois, and was followed by a reception at the K.C. clubhouse. They spent their honeymoon at Mountain Home, Pennsylvania. The new Mrs. Bisset was graduated from Michael Reese Hospital School of Nursing two days before the wedding. Best wishes for their happiness from all of us...Congratulations are in order on two counts for TED SZEWC. He was recently appointed general signal supervisor, replacing DON WORCESTER who retired on June 1, and on August 30 he celebrated his 25th wedding anniversary. He and his wife vacationed in Hawaii to make their silver year one to remember...BERNADETTE KIZIOR drove 5,800 miles to the West Coast and back, not missing anything en route. Almost the entire State of California was traversed from south to north on Highway 1. She had a pleasant visit with AL WOLF, superintendent of transportation for BART in San Francisco and formerly with

CTA. Incidentally, upon her return home, Bernie became a female liberationist when she participated in a stag golf outing at St. Andrew's Country club...GEORGE MATEJOVSKY Jr., signal engineer, and his family initiated their new camper on a 4,500 mile trip to the Black Hills of South Dakota, Cheyenne, Wyoming, and the Rocky Mountain National Park. They said the weather was beautiful throughout the entire trip...GEORGE CHRISTENSEN, communications engineer, spent his vacation at his summer home in Elkhorn, Wisconsin. The Christensens had a real family reunion when they were joined by their daughter, MARY, and her husband from New York, their son, GEORGE, and his family who recently returned from Turkey and is now stationed in Texas with the air force, and their son, EDWARD, and his family from Antioch, Illinois. And if that wasn't enough, George became a proud grandfather for the fourth time when LENETTE MARIE arrived on July 29. The proud parents are EDWARD and SHARON CHRISTENSEN... Your reporter, along with her 11-year old niece, RITA O'CONNOR, visited Disneyland and San Francisco this summer. It was a wonderful trip for both of us...Pensioner MARGARET KINSEY surprised us with a visit recently. She is now living in California and was visiting friends in Chicago. It was good to see her again...Another welcomed visitor was Pensioner ADOLPH KUTZ, now living in Hot Springs, Arkansas. He was in the city attending a convention of the 95th Infantry Division...More about some interesting vacations in the next issue!

*- Kay McAlister*

**(Blue Island) -**

I received a note from SAM GAFFEN thanking the dinner committee for the nice billfold, and telling us that he and his wife celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary...GILTON QUICK wrote a nice letter expressing his thanks for the billfold, and a thank you card was received from GEORGE UNWIN who is enjoying his retirement in St. Petersburg, Florida...It seems like each month two or three of our friends are retiring. August was the month for BERNARD TOAL, ELMER TEGTOW and CHARLES SCHUMAKER. R. SWINDELL presented them with their retirement papers and passes. Pensioners present for the occasion were: J. MICHNICK, T. F. LANIGAN, A. GABLIN, C. PETERSON, M. BATTISTO, W. YOCIUS, W. LOOS, P. CARPINO, J. MULREE, W. SPITZOCK and E. JOHNSON.

RETIRING ON September 1 after more than 30 years of service, HENRY P. STRETCH, left, court assistant, is shown receiving his retirement portfolio from Superintendent of Investigations and Claims MICHAEL J. McDERMOTT as Mrs. STRETCH looks on.

Also present were representatives of Local No. 9, Business Agent Nick Burkard and Jim McCann, and from Local No. 726, Ed Felhaber. Charles Schumaker, better known as "Shoes", received an envelope from BOB BOOTH which contained an IOU for a $75 savings bond. A few of the men who worked for him presented Shoes with a rather unique gift--a pair of lineman's boots cast in a cement block. Do you think they were trying to tell you something, Shoes?.. We had three marriages last month: Bob and DELORES BOOTH's daughter, BARBARA, to P. J. KELLAN; BILL BECKMANN's son, WILLIAM, to SUSAN HANLEY, and LOUIS ANASENES' son, ANTHONY, to BARBARA SZCZEPANIEC...Welcome to the new employees in the Electrical Department: J. T. DUSEK, S. SCIARA, B. MULLANEY, R. LAMONT, D. O'BRIEN, V. GILBERT, R. HAWKINS, L. MILASH, J. CALVIN and H. NELSON...CHARLES and JEAN CONNER and their daughter, VICKI, enjoyed a lovely vacation in Washington, D.C., where they visited the grave of President Kennedy, and the new panda at the zoo...WILLIAM STAUNTON was presented with his first grandson, born to ROBERT and SHARON STAUNTON on July 21.

*- William Rehder*

**(Rapid Transit Signal Division) -**

CHARLIE SEMON and his wife, LAURA, and their daughter, CAROL, took a ten-day package vacation to sunny California. Upon their arrival in San Diego they rented a car and visited such places as Anaheim, Disneyland, Los Angeles, Knotts Berry Farm, Busch Gardens and Hollywood. They left the car at the Los Angeles airport and flew to San Francisco where they visited many places and rode cable cars. They returned home well rested and said they had a wonderful time...Your scribe visited Toronto and Ontario, Canada, on his vacation with his wife, LENNIE, and daughters, ANITA, LYDIA, and six-month old ROBIN. In Toronto we visited Ontario Place and rode the subway trains. Ontario Place is a 90-acre waterfront tract with modernistic pod-style exhibition halls. The most memorable was the domed Cinesphere theatre. The Toronto Transit Commission still operates trolley buses and streetcars, which somehow don't look old-fashioned. We visited Niagara Falls where I took pictures with a movie camera instead of a still camera. I took shots of both the Canadian and American sides, and they turned out quite well for an amateur...Congratulations to AL PELUSO and his wife, ROSE, who are the proud parents of twins. Al thought the doctor was joking when he came to the waiting room and announced, "Mr. Peluso you are the proud father of a fine boy and girl." Born on June 10, AL Jr. weighed in at 6 pounds 8 ounces, and DEANNA weighed in at 5 pounds 8 ounces. They also have another daughter six years old...COY CAUSEY took CLYDE YOUNT and RICHARD VIETH on a fishing trip on Lake Michigan for coho. With a bit of Coy's fishing knowledge and instinct, they conceded that the coho would be at least seven miles offshore and about 70 feet down. Coy said the salmon head for deep water to get away from the sunlight and warm surface water. This was confirmed by his sophisticated fish-locator equipment. The expert fisherman proceeded to fish and netted nothing. Richard reeled in a five-pound coho, from only seven feet deep. Dumb coho! Coy and his wife, LITA, traveled to Lake Cumberland, Kentucky, on their vacation where they did some fishing. Lita, a North Section ticket agent, is also an avid fisherwoman and loves the outdoors. They rented a houseboat for a week and this provided Coy with not only the comforts necessary to catch

up on his sleep, but also a convenient fishing hole right in the living room floor. The bass fishing wasn't too good, but they caught over 200 crappies. Lita and Coy munched on ham sandwiches and other food stuff purchased from the farmers in the area...I enjoyed talking to ROY (Chip Chip) WILLIAMS about his vacation with his family. This summer they visited places like Hot Springs, Arkansas, Dallas, Texas, Oklahoma, and Missouri where they toured an animal refuge near Springfield. He described the place as resembling a zoo where the animals roam about in an area similar to their natural habitat. During the two hour drive through the park, the animals do the teasing as they approach your car and beg for food...TED and RUTH WASHINGTON and their 15-month old son, MARCUS, headed for California and points west on their vacation. Arriving in Las Vegas, Nevada, Ted decided to be the last of the big-time spenders and risked the large sum of 25 cents in the slot machines. He said the loss saved him many dollars. In California they drove by the many beautiful homes of the movie stars and also visited Disneyland. They said the drive through Utah was breathtaking, and they had no more than five minutes of rain throughout the trip...BIRNEST HICKS was bubbling with excitement as he told me about his five-day vacation in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he stayed at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES NICHOLS. Mr. Nichols is a technician with WABCO, and was befriended by Birnest when he was here working on the signal equipment for the Lake-Dan Ryan trains. While in Pittsburgh, he was really enthused about his ride on the incline, a cable car that travels on tracks up the side of a mountain, and the early morning dips in the 40-foot swimming pool of the Nichols. Birnest also visited Montreal, Quebec, and New York City...Our deepest sympathy to the family of ROBERT ALBRECHT in the death of his grandmother, Mrs. BEATRICE MILLER...All the officers of IBEW Local No. 9 were re-elected for another three-year term. They were sworn in at the monthly meeting on July 14. Among those sworn in were PAT DOYLE and LUKE HOWE who will serve on the examining board. Pat has served in this position since 1963. Our sincere congratulations to each of these gentlemen.

*- Tommie Lowery*

**ENGINEERING -**

We would like to welcome and bid farewell to STEVE MARTIN and ALLAN BOFFICE, co-op trainees in our department who left on September 1 to resume their studies at Illinois Institute of Technology...GREG PODALAK purchased a wig, and when he had it in the office RON HAWKINS tried it on. They said they could pass for brothers... The Civil Engineering Section was sitting on pins and needles waiting for the new arrivals to the McCarthy and Tushinski families. PAT McCARTHY became the proud father of his first son, NEIL PATRICK, on July 7 weighing 8 pounds 10 ounces. Pat also has two girls. MARK TUSHINSKI's wife gave birth to another girl, JILL MARIE, on July 28 weighing 9 pounds 10 ounces. This is Mark's second girl. Congratulations to both of you and your families. ..RUSTY RUSAKIEWICZ came back from vacation with a great big "walrus" mustache. Rusty, his wife and three grandchildren took a vacation up to Conover, Wisconsin, where they went fishing and visited with BURT ENGBERG, a pensioner from the Electrical Department...We would like to welcome JUNE VAN CAMP to the Real Estate Department. June is now the assistant title rental agent. June came to us from the Employment Department...We would like to wish a speedy recovery to PAUL MINOGUE and JOSEPH O'CONNOR who are on the sick list. We hope to see you back at your desks soon...GENE SULLIVAN and his family took a month's vacation to Italy. They spent two weeks at Terracina, a delightful resort town. They also visited the Island of Ponza with its many panoramic views, and Sperlonga, a quaint hilltop town. Another city they visited was Paestum which contains the finest examples of Greek temples. The remaining two weeks was spent sightseeing in Rome. They took a ride on Rome's Metropolitina. A new section of the subway is under construction and will be finished sometime in 1974. A wonderful time was had by the whole family...ED HESS and his family went to Hayward, Wisconsin, for a fishing trip. Ed said the fish were small and there was too much rain and cold weather. ..BILL HUTCHINGS and his family went on a fishing trip to Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

**(West Shops) -**

Congratulations to JOSEPH MAZARKA on becoming a journeyman steamfitter this August. Thanks for the coffee and cake, Joe...Happy to see the following men back from their vacations: LEO FELCKOWSKI, carpenter foreman, WALLY HALLFORD, supervisor of Mechanical Maintenance, J. J. MARSZALEK, C. SCHREY, mason foreman, H. C. BERNDT, supervisor of Plant Maintenance, and LOUIE VELEZ, receiving dock...PAUL ANDERSON and his wife, MARIE, enjoyed a beautiful vacation in Hawaii and have hopes of returning soon...JIM SINCLAIR, mason foreman, and his wife relaxed in dear old Florida...CARL CACCIOPPO, steamfitter, and his family had a gay old time in Louisiana visiting their family...JIM BROZ, carpenter foreman, brought some beautiful colored pictures back from his vacation in Arizona and Colorado to show us. Now there are sights I'd love to see some day...J. KILROY, ironworker, just returned from Minnesota where he and his family had a heck of a time enjoying family, friends, fishing, boating etc...A little note of cheer for a long-time shut-in, JOHN IWANSKI, plumber apprentice. Get well, John, we miss you...I hope all of you at the West Shops will help me make it a better column next month by stopping by and contributing your share of news.

*- Darlene Jansen & Jennie Scott*

WITH A smile, WILLIAM R. PETERSON, Law Department legal assistant, is pictured here receiving a farewell gift from First Assistant General Attorney FRANK MULLEN as Mrs. PETERSON happily joins in the festivities. Bill retired on September 1 with more than 35 years of service.

JOINING THE ranks of the retired September 1 and October 1 with 40 or more years of transit service each were, from left, TONY MORTELLARO, JOHN W. McGUIRE, WALTER F. FITZGERALD, and MICHAEL J. LOFTUS.

# NEW PENSIONERS

LENZY M. BATTLE, Janitor,
South Section, Emp. 5-18-51
ERNEST L. BOURBON, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 9-11-42
MARIAN F. BUCKLEY, Keypunch Operator,
Accounting, Emp. 9-30-53
LESLIE J. CAHILL, Bus Repairer,
Archer, Emp. 4-20-34
JULIAN J. CICHON, Lineman,
Electrical, Emp. 4-6-39
WALTER G. CICHY, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 3-9-37
THOMAS W. CRAIG, Bus Repairer,
77th Street, Emp. 9-11-47
JOSEPH R. CZAJKA, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 4-24-42
LLOYD E. DEANE, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 11-29-40
NICK F. DeFINA, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 3-4-42
LEROY C. DUTTON, Superintendent,
Schedule-Traffic, Emp. 3-2-25
CLARENCE V. ESCHBACH, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 7-22-47
WALTER F. FITZGERALD, Motorman,
West Section, Emp. 12-14-29
JULIUS E. GAJEWSKI, Machinist,
Engineering, Emp. 11-24-41
RICHARD N. GOLDSTEIN, Supt. Schedule Operations,
Schedule-Traffic, Emp. 4-30-28
THOMAS C. GROGAN, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 11-2-36
CHARLES W. HURTIENNE, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 12-27-46
HENRY IVEY, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 11-30-46
SAMUEL JACOBS, Laborer,
Building Division, Emp. 12-16-42
EDMUND B. KLEDZIK, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 7-24-41
CHRIST J. LAMPROS, Laborer,
Stores, Emp. 7-11-39
CARL S. LARSEN, Radio-Telephone Operator,
Operations Control, Emp. 6-30-37
JOHN G. LASKEY, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 12-19-40
MICHAEL J. LOFTUS, Supervisor,
District D, Emp. 4-19-26
MATTHEW MASCARI, Carpenter,
Skokie Shop, Emp. 6-12-40
MICHAEL J. McDERMOTT, Superintendent,
Claims, Emp. 3-3-36
JOHN W. McGUIRE, Electrical Worker A,
South Shops, Emp. 6-7-24
WALTER MORAN, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 10-1-41
TONY MORTELLARO, Trackman I,
Engineering, Emp. 10-28-30
VERDELL H. NELSON, Operator,
52nd Street, Emp. 9-18-45
JAMES L. NOLAN, Janitor,
West Section, Emp. 11-7-45
RUDOLPH A. NUISL, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 10-23-45
MARY J. OHNESORGE, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 9-23-29
ELY PESTINE, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 8-25-41
WILLIAM R. PETERSON, Legal Assistant,
Law, Emp. 2-23-37
PAUL M. PRIELOZNY, Clerk,
North Section, Emp. 6-14-40
JOHN F. RECK, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 9-8-42
GEORGE M. SERRITELLA, Bus Serviceman,
North Park, Emp. 9-23-41
HENRY P. STRETCH, Court Assistant,
Claim, Emp. 6-1-42
ELMER C. TEGTOW, Line Helper,
Electrical, Emp. 4-28-43
CHARLES H. TRAUSCHT, Janitor,
Beverly, Emp. 3-26-34
RALPH A. WALKER, Mechanic,
South Shops, Emp. 7-10-47
BERNARD W. WALSH, Supervisor,
District C, Emp. 8-5-41
ADAM J. WIELGOSZ, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 1-25-45

## DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

ROMAN S. BUDNICK, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 5-26-42
GEORGE CLARK, Conductor,
West Section, Emp. 1-16-51
FRED L. JONES, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 4-16-59
MITCHEL MALEK, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 11-23-45
JAMES OOSTMAN, Sheet Metal Foreman,
South Shops, Emp. 12-29-44

ENJOYING A chuckle is happy-go-lucky DWAYNE A. KELLOGG, the seven-month old son of OLAN and CAROLYN KELLOGG. Olan is a clerk at Lawndale Station.

**FOREST GLEN -**

Hi men. Looks as if summer is over, and we will wind up the vacations with this issue...I understand that the boys this summer nailed BRZECZEK's shoes to the floor up at the lake. But that didn't stop the old boy from fishing--he went barefoot...Operator TOM HICKEY and his wife spent several weeks over on the Islands. Of course Tom spent all his time watching the Hula girls. By the way, did any of you notice what he has under his nose?..Operator BILL WITKUS was fishing up near Canada and had quite a catch, he claims...Operator J. R. MILLER and his lovely wife will be taking their second honeymoon in Hawaii. On October 21 this wonderful couple will celebrate 36 years of wedded bliss. It's about time Miller started taking his wife out. All he has time for is golf...Two of our fine operators toured Ireland this summer. They are none other than P. GARRITY and his sidekick, MIKE HUNT. They both were glad to get back stateside. It seems the beer over there wasn't so hot...Operators DAVIS and ZEIGLER took off for California this summer and took in all the spots. Of course they are both very tired now. I understand they were standing at Hollywood and Vine waiting to be seen with all the movie stars. No luck, so they tried the Brown Derby... Operator JOHN MURPHY was married on August 28 to ANN. They will take their honeymoon when John gets his vacation. We wish the very best to this lovely couple... FRANK (Muscles) GRIES retired on August 1 and will be greatly missed by all his friends. Frank we are still saving string for you, do drop by and pick it up...CLIFFORD LAST sent his wife on a camping trip with only a garbage bag to sleep in. Of course Cliff said that this was the latest style...I received a card from BILL LYNAM who spent the second half of his vacation fishing up in Canada. At least the Mrs. enjoyed the trip...Supervisor ROBERT JASINSKI was married on April 29 to a lovely young lady named JOSEPHINE. He is a fine gentleman who finally found someone to look after him. We wish the very best to both of them. Sorry you didn't invite your friends...A question for Operator LASKEY--is it true that only your hairdresser knows for sure?..BILL LEMKE, some of the fellows are asking if you use color back, also...The PANTOS family is touring the West. Boy, what stories we will hear about that trip. Do you suppose he saw Indians who were trying to attack his car?..We happen to have a minister in our group. Operator BOWERS really enjoys singing hymns each morning, so fellows, do respect him in his effort... Operator E. GUEDEL has become a grandfather again. This time it is a girl named CYNTHIA LYNN. The proud father is PETE GUEDEL, a repairman at North Avenue. No wonder the grandfather has his chest stuck out...Pensioner HAMMER, looking very well, stopped by to say hello. He has been fishing and taking life easy...TED HOELLEN must have been born around lunch time as he is always hungry...Operator BOB BAKER lost his son who was only 19 years of age in an auto accident. This was a very big loss to their family. The Lord works in mysterious ways, and will give you strength...Retired Supervisor PAUL WINKOWSKI passed away suddenly. He was a man who will always be remembered for his outstanding work with CTA...Retiring on September 1 after 46 years of service is Supervisor MICKEY (Sweet Lips) LOFTUS. He says he will now settle down and take the Mrs. on some good camping trips. Mickey you'll be in our minds for a long time here at Forest Glen. In fact, you are the last of the old school. A gentleman in every respect, and fair to all. God bless you...Operator EDWARD J. MURPHY and his wife, MARY, are very proud of their son, MICHAEL J. MURPHY, who was recently promoted to second vice president at Central National Bank. Michael will assume the responsibilities of line lending officer in the Agricultural Department of the bank. He is a graduate of the University of Chicago, holding A.B. and M.B.A. degrees. Michael and his wife, LINDA, reside on Chicago's North Side.

*- W. A. Henry* (Don't call me Wilbur)

**GENERAL OFFICE (Reproduction Services) -**

MARY PONTRELLI, dictaphone typist, was married to JOHN NASTI on August 27 at Our Lady of Angels church. A reception was held at Mr. Duke's in Wood Dale, and the happy couple honeymooned for two weeks in California.

**(Employe Relations) -**

ROGER TORBIK, job analyst, and his family motored to Miami Beach, Florida, and also visited Disney World. While down that way they stopped in Nashville, Tennessee, and visited the Grand Ol' Opry featuring country and western music, which he said was something grand to see and enjoy...GERALD McMANAMON, file clerk, spent three weeks "AMTRAKing" to Seattle, Portland, San Francisco and New Orleans. The interesting part of the vacation was "Frisco", riding the cable cars and streetcars.

**(Office Services) -**

VINCE SHIELDS, our personal handy helper and a great hand-lender, spent a restful vacation in Eagle River, Wisconsin...EARL PETERSON, mail clerk, is presently touring Italy trying to settle his estates...We welcome DAVID BREMER, file clerk, to the department, and also HAROLD O'MALLEY, mail clerk, who formerly was a bus operator. ..SOL GELLER, mail clerk, took his pension on August 1 after 45 years of service...We welcome back to work JOHN (Smiley) PHILLIPS, mail clerk, after his long siege of illness and major operation. We heard you had a rough time, but all's well that ends well and we are glad to see you are back in the groove again. We sure missed your pleasant "hello."

**(Public Information) -**

These newlyweds! Did you ever hear of a bride making hot lasagna and grabbing the hot casserole cover with her bare fingers? Ugh! Ask LOIS BOOMER...FRANK DISCH, clerk, and his lovely wife drove to Florida and visited Disney World. Frank is still young at heart. While there

SHARON ROBINSON, the daughter of North Section Motorman VERNON ROBINSON, was recently graduated from Lakeview High school and plans to attend Illinois Masonic School of Nursing in the fall.

they visited Pensioner TED HILDEBRANT in Largo. Ted is really enjoying life and says hello to all his friends at CTA.

**(Personnel) -**

SUE HOLZMEISTER, former employee, visited the various departments showing off her pride and joy, DEANNE. Mother and daughter are looking very well... STAN TADEVICH, interviewer, and his wife, together with BOB QUETSCHKE, Transportation Department, and his wife took a 16-day train trip to Lake Louise and Banff in Canada. They also visited Vancouver and Victoria and then went on to Seattle. The train trip was wonderful and Stan says he would do it again...JOE O'SULLIVAN and his wife, HELEN, spent three weeks in Ireland visiting many counties, and also took time out to go to London. While in Limerick, Joe and Helen went to a medieval castle and were chosen Lord and Lady of the banquet. They had to wear crowns during the meal. Joe said he felt like the ad for Imperial margerine. Someday Joe and Helen are going back for another visit as it was well worth it... Mr. and Mrs. ARTHUR J. HUBACZ received an invitation from the Director of Agriculture at the State Fair to attend a luncheon on August 20 for Governor and Mrs. Richard B. Ogilvie. It goes without saying that Art and Mrs. Hubacz did attend...While BILL SHOLDICE was traveling through the West, he stopped at WALLY GARBUTT's home in Fort Collins, Colorado. Walt is doing fine and sends his best to his many friends at CTA...The department expresses deepest sympathy to LORRAINE McEVILLY in the death of her mother... PATTY JO JACOBSON was really thrilled with the shamrock JOE O'SULLIVAN brought back with him from Ireland... The department welcomes TONY BORCIC back after his training as a conductor, motorman, switchman, towerman and flagman. Tony is now well qualified to write rapid transit training programs...BILL SHOLDICE is starting a new trend in swimming. While vacationing at the Ozarks, he shocked those around him by going into the swimming pool fully clothed. There was a method to his madness however, as he received a severe sunburn while bathing on an earlier date and didn't want to take a chance on getting another burn...RAY FLEMING and his wife, and BILL CLINE and his wife recently became proud mortgage owners. Ray's new home is a tri-level in Evanston, and Bill and MARIE's new home is a two-story Georgian in Northwest Chicago. Good luck to both families...MIKE McCARTHY has returned to work after a severe torn ligament suffered while playing softball. When the ligaments start to act up, Mike, it's time to hang up your glove...BERNIE FORD and his family vacationed in Wisconsin and had a very relaxing time away from the hot and humid city.

**(Executive) -**

LOIS WEBER, stenographer, became the bride of RICHARD HARB on July 1 in Sutton, North Dakota. When they returned to Chicago, a reception was held for the family and friends. Best wishes for a long life of happiness are extended to the newlyweds.

**(Medical) -**

RITA WANTROBA, X-ray technician, and her husband, DONALD, trailered their boat to Missouri where they went water skiing and swimming in the blue waters of the Lake of the Ozarks. They were joined by her oldest sister and brother-in-law, as well as six other "boatniks" and had a refreshing time boating over the Labor day weekend... Birthdays were celebrated on the same day, August 1, by Dr. IRWIN and REGGIE DAREN...We received a post card from MARY LEDWITH, our "Irish" nurse, from Springfield, Illinois. What a "hot" vacation...The department gave ARLENE PURALEWSKI, clerk-typist, a pleasant farewell with coffee and cake and a stroller to await the arrival of the stork. We sure will miss your silence and smiles... REGGIE DAREN, stenographer, and her husband, EDWARD, flew to Buffalo, New York, and Toronto, Canada, for a ten-day vacation spree where they viewed Niagara Falls from the Canadian side, which was a sight to behold...Get well wishes are sent to Dr. ILLA ROMAN who recently underwent surgery and is now on the slow road to recovery... Dr. MOSNY and his wife and grandson, STEVE, spent ten wonderful days boating and swimming at Lake Lawn Lodge, Delavan, Wisconsin.

**(Insurance) -**

Farewell wishes and a lot of luck were sent with KATHY MULIZIO, stenographer, who resigned to await the arrival of the stork... CHRISTINE STERNBERG, clerk, also resigned to attend college as a full time student...We wish to thank MARY FAUT for helping during the summer months. She has now resigned to return to school... MARJORIE HOLMES, hospital clerk, took her daughter and four of her friends to the Wisconsin State Fair for four days. Would you believe that Marjorie got "bilked" on purchasing an $89 stainless steel blender. Must be blending gold for that price, I hope...KATHY KOHLMAN, hospital clerk, together with her girlfriends, spent their vacation in Las Vegas where they stayed at the Stardust hotel. They met Elvis Presley in the Penthouse at the International, and also saw Sammy Davis Jr...Sympathy and a helping hand is being offered to JOHN BOYCE on behalf of his wife, LUCILLE, who fractured her right heel. John has been doing the chores in and out of the home, shopping and washing, and says he is getting used to it and likes it, and may possibly consider it as a permanent job. More power to you, John... ANN GOLDING and her husband, HARRY, vacationed up in Wisconsin...EMMA HUDGINS, clerk, together with her friends spent their vacation in Los Angeles, California... TONI MISETIC, receptionist, is presently being visited by her brother-in-law, MIJO, from Yugoslavia. He is the brother of KRIS, electrician at Skokie Shop... JANINE GERARD, MARGARET MARCHINSKI and FRANCES CALPIN recently spent a pleasant weekend at the Dells. Janine and her girlfriend also motored to Missouri and Arkansas to visit the Ozarks...We understand that MARY LABUS spent a hilarious three-day weekend in Galena, Illinois, visiting Grant's

tomb. Guess it was too much for her; she had the misfortune of spraining her ankle at work. She was home for a few days recuperating, but is now back on her feet and doing well.

*- Regina Daren & Eileen Neurauter*

**KEELER -**

Hi folks. Hope you've managed to keep cool these past couple of months. Oh to be an Archer operator with the new air-conditioned buses...First we must offer our sincere condolences to a real nice person, AL PATEREK, who lost his dear wife...Keeler also had other losses. August 13 was the clerk's new pick change and we lost Clerks A. COOPER and J. WATHIER. A hearty welcome is extended to new Clerks D. KOSTECKI and J. O'BRIEN. Clerk BUCKLEY has jumped over to the Claim Department...I didn't receive a card from Chief Clerk J. SIMKO, so I assume that Idaho isn't such a great vacation state...I heard that Relief Superintendent ED WESTON fished the waters of Canada on his vacation...Operator JOHN (The Mustache) JARECKI and his family suntanned in Florida. John also took his boy scout troop No. 99 to Indian Mound Reservation in Milwaukee. A good guy merit badge to John...Operator BOB O'NEAL visited with relatives in Seattle, Washington. Bob is getting second hand plaudits, as the actor surnamed O'Neal and starring in the flick "Super Fly," is Bob's nephew. Did you know that Bob is vice-president of his church choir?..Operator PANCIC was a regular European gadabout visiting Germany, Austria and Yugoslavia. The only visible souvenir Pancic brought home was a new hairpiece. Oops, I mean new hairstyle...Got a beautiful card from our old buddy ZIELKE who is seeing the sights of California, regrettably from a wheel chair. But Zielke maintains a good morale and should be an inspiration to a lot of cry babies with hang nails...How many saw M. STOKES come to work a few Mondays ago, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, only to be reminded that he was on vacation? ..Operator FREDDIE (Reverend) HOLDEN just couldn't waste his vacation, so he mixed business with pleasure by making several speaking engagements in Tennessee and Alabama. Freddie says there's no vacation for his real life's work...Another minister in our midst is Operator F. C. JOHNSON who'll tell us about his vacation next time. ..Operator J. J. JOHNSON, no relation to F. C., should be a preacher (but he ain't) as he sure has the gift of gab... While on the religious kick, here's a few thumbnail highlights--I just happened to see Operator J. P. POWELL on TV singing with a gospel quartet. Operator S. N. SAILS is his church's treasurer. Operator CHARLES ALLISON is the son of a minister and very active in his father's church. Would you believe that ye olde scribe is superintendent of Sunday school and the church announcer and choir member?..A new feature in this column will be a mini-spotlight each month. To start, we focus on Operator ROBERT E. POWELL (you know, the Addison street flash). Well, his dad, also ROBERT E. POWELL, started as an employee of our great company in the year 1913 in the repair department. Now his son, ROBERT E. POWELL III, has just started as an employee, but like grandpa went to the repair department...Instructor CHARLEY WEYER is right proud of his 27 years with good old CTA, and we're all proud of Charley...I can't remember if I wished the July fellows a happy birthday, so if I didn't, Happy July Salutations to Operators LAWLER, STOKES, BARRY, FOREMAN, PRESSWOOD, SURGEON, J. D. JOHNSON and VAUGHN...August greetings are extended to Operators F. C. JOHNSON, SPANN, IWAI, LUCAS, ROSARIO, ALLISON, KREBS, NORTON, GRANT, BRIESCHKE, HOCUK, and last but not least Board Member H. BROWNING...Operator O. HAMPTON insisted that his daughter, JANETTE, not be omitted in the birthday column, so happy birthday, Janette. She was one year young July 26...Meanwhile, downstairs we salute Serviceman L. SAVAGE who has to share the month with the family as his birthday was August 9, his wife, CAROLYN, celebrated August 15, and their daughter, VENITA, birthdayed August 19...Many happy returns also to our good custodial engineer, LUENBERGER...Pity the poor bachelor, as Operator PRUITT can only wish a happy eighth birthday to his--get this--loving dog...August 28 marked the 35th wedding anniversary of Box Puller BEN ZENTMYER and his wife, ROSE. Ben barely looks 39 years old, so Rose must be very good for him and to him...Well, that's about it for this time, so keep those cards and letters coming in.

*- Ernest C. Carter*

THIS IS little ANA MARIA WILLEM, the five-month old granddaughter of JULIE WILLEM, Transportation Department. The proud parents are RAYMOND and ADELINA WILLEM.

**KEDZIE -**

Now that vacations are over, let me hear about your trips so I can put them in our column...Operator DAVE KISSANE and his lovely wife, RUTH, vacationed in Wisconsin. While there they also attended a wedding in Milwaukee...Your reporter, his wife and granddaughter took a short trip to Missouri where we saw the "Six Flags" and it was great. We also went to Springfield, Illinois, where we took in all the sights for two days...I received a nice letter from Pensioner GLENN and his lovely wife, EVELYN. They are doing well and enjoying life at its best. Glenn says hello to all his friends at Kedzie...Division 241 recently held their annual golf outing at St. Andrew's Golf club and it was a huge success. Operator WILLIAM LARSEN, chairman of the outing, did a very good job--and the food was good...Operator J. RICHARDSON's wife is doing very well now. She is recovering from a heart attack and is now at home...Our deepest sympathy to Pensioner BERLIN in the passing of his wife August 7. Mrs. Berlin had been ill for seven years...Our deepest sympathy to the family of Pensioner A. THOENSING who passed away in August...Operator A. DOMINICK is now home and doing fine after having surgery on his back...Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of DAVID MOORE. Mr. Moore was a streetcar motorman out of the Kedzie Barn. He was employed for 44 years, pensioned for 23 years, and died at the age of 88 on July 10.

*- Raymond Graham*

**LAWNDALE -**

On Monday, July 17, Operator C. CHAMBERS of Lawndale won the annual Division 241 golf tournament by shooting a 75. Two strokes off the pace was a former member of the Lawndale team, retired operator JOHN PATER, who was last year's winner with a 72. Lawndale is indeed the station of champions, and Operator Chambers--our heartiest congratulations to you..."I lost some keys somewhere." Those were the words of Operator MELVIN L. SANDERS who dramatically helped rescue three of seven children from a burning building. A four-year veteran with CTA, Melvin just happened to be a passerby when he got involved in the rescue operation. Three of the children leaped to his arms from the second floor of the burning structure. Melvin dismissed his heroic actions by saying, "I lost some keys somewhere," and happens to still be looking for those keys. Had it not been for those keys, would Operator Sanders have been there at such an opportune time to help save those three lives? No one will ever know, but we stretch our hand to you, Melvin, for being at the right place at the right time. Your heroic actions will not go unnoticed...Our deepest sympathy to Operator PETE MOLFESE and his family in the recent passing of his brother, WILLIAM...Our condolences are also extended to Operator and Mrs. JAMES JEFFERS whose infant son, JAMES Jr., passed away suddenly on August 1...Our deepest sympathy to the family of retired operator GEORGE PECHOUS who recently passed away...We're also saddened at this writing over the passing of Operator MILO (Mr. Cheer) MYERS. Milo was well known among his many passengers, and well liked by his fellow workers. On any given day someone would say, "who is that fellow with the long cigar sticking from his mouth, those flashy cowboy clothes and that ten gallon hat? Why that's Milo Myers, Ogden avenue's Mr. Cheer." Yes, Milo made his impression upon the men around here, and we bid farewell to a fine individual and a well liked friend...Guess who won the Interstation Safety Contest for the second quarter on the Surface System? Of course it was Lawndale with a 68.26 score. Our congratulations to the Douglas Rapid Transit Station who came through with a perfect score of 75 in the contest. On Thursday, August 10, Lawndale was rewarded for the part they played in winning the ISC Award when coffee and rolls were served to the many operators and repairmen that turned out for the festive occasion. Superintendent of Operating Stations GEORGE RILEY was in attendance and presented the award to Station Superintendent JACK MORRIS. Also in attendance were Assistant Station Superintendent FRANK VITEK, Instructors JOE STEINBACH and STEWART, and Assistant Day Foreman TONY KASMAN from the repair department.

THIS HAPPY little bundle of joy is KATHY COX, the four-month old niece of KATHY KOHLMAN of the Insurance Department, and the daughter of MARY ANN COX who formerly worked in the Schedule Department.

Mr. Riley commented on our good record at Lawndale and he also mentioned the fact that Lawndale won the very first ISC Award. In the bead counting contest, Operator L. GATSON won with a guess of 418 beads in the jar. The actual number was 417. Winners of $5.00 gift certificates were: Operators R. McKNIGHT, E. P. JONES, C. L. WHITMAN, E. WHEAT, R. L. BOWERS, W. JENTSCH, J. WILLIAMS, C. CARTER, B. BROWN, F. LORENZ, L. L. CLEMONS, C. A. AUGUST, V. T. GILL and Repairman PRZYBYCIEN... Operator ABE WILSON and his family have returned from sunny Florida and other parts of the south...LEON MINOR visited Georgia this year, and Operator GORDON WOODS also toured the southland. . . Operator DOMINIC PAPA brought back some warm weather from California...Operator SAM ADAMS recently returned from Georgia saying he had a marvelous time...Operators BOBBY DAVIS and ELMER SHAW visited the State of Mississippi...Operator OTTO TORK went to the upper regions of Wisconsin to do some fishing...Operator WILLIE NORWOOD and his family toured portions of California...Operator SAMUEL PERRY visited his mother in the South...We received a card from Operator CLEVELAND COBURN who is in Windsor, Ontario, Canada...We're glad to see Operator PAUL McCOY back to work after his recent illness...Our congratulations to Operator and Mrs. ROBERT ROSS on the recent arrival of a son, ERIC DARNEL, July 12. Bob spent his vacation time waiting on this 7 pound 4 ounce wonder...Those making the Courtesy Caravan Club this month are Operators WILLIE PARKER, considerate of intending passengers, and DAN DeBUONO, exceptional courtesy. Congratulations to these two fine operators...Operator OLLEMAN MOORE recently returned from a pleasant trip to Minnesota...Repairmen MIKE WEAVER, PETE SHARP, JERRY JONES and THERON AYTCH just returned from Louisiana...Until next month, take care.

*- James Marshall*

**LIMITS -**

Operator FRANK PRADZINSKI was united in marriage to Miss RITA HOPPE at St. Edward's church. The reception was held at Collett's Centro restaurant with 60 guests in attendance. The new Mr. and Mrs. Pradzinski then flew to Miami Beach, Florida, where they boarded the ship Boheme and cruised the Caribbean and visited such ports as San Juan, Puerto Rico, St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands and Haiti. Congratulations and best wishes to this fine couple and may you both have smooth sailing on the sea of matrimony...Clerk AMBROSE PANICO and his dear wife, MARY, celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary on August 15. Congratulations, folks, and may each year that follows be sweeter than the year before...WILLIE OTIS and JIM HENDERSON have been confined to the hospital for some time due to illness. May you both have a speedy recovery and enjoy good health again...JOHN GOELZ spent his vacation in San Francisco, California, where he had the thrill of riding the cable cars...ILMAR GRAUDINS and his family toured all of Eastern Canada and then traveled down to Florida visiting many places of historic interest...Supervisor EDWARD NORTON spent his vacation doing his favorite sport, fishing. He reports that his freezer is filled to capacity with fish...BOB PENDLETON and his wife drove to Pennsylvania and Connecticut where they spent an enjoyable time with friends and relatives...Former operators PFEIFFER and CLARENCE LIND, who took their pensions a short while ago, paid a visit to Limits Station. They re-

port that they are enjoying their retirement to the fullest... Received a card from RALPH VENN who is now residing in Mesa, Arizona. He is planning a visit to Chicago during the latter part of September.

*- R. S. Benson*

**LOOP -**

Clerk ED PFANNKUCHE happily announced that he became a great-grandfather in August. Ed's wife, VI, celebrated another birthday on August 11. Congratulations and our best wishes to the Pfannkuches...Mr. and Mrs. WILBUR STRASSER recently celebrated 37 years of wedded bliss. Congratulations and many happy years ahead for both of you...CHESTER GAVIN celebrated his anniversary with CTA on September 17 and his wedding anniversary on September 21. The Gavins celebrated both occasions while Chester was on vacation. Congratulations!..DOROTHY ADLER has returned from her vacation. Dorothy visited her daughter and twin granddaughters in New York, and was accompanied on the trip by her favorite beau, her two-year old grandson, GUS ADLER...AGNES NOONE spent her three-week vacation entertaining relatives from Ireland... Agents BETTY and ED SEGERSON spent their two-week vacation here in our friendly city. They did a lot of relaxing and said time never passed so swiftly (doesn't it always when you're having fun)...Foot Collector LATHAM left for Canada on July 31. We hope he had a wonderful trip... DOROTHY and LEO FORD have moved to Elmwood Park and we wish them the best of luck in their new home. They had their car stolen, but it was returned by the police the next day. I guess we can consider that the start of a good luck streak for them in their new suburban abode...Speaking of cars, MORA HAASE is really having a ball in her recently purchased 1966 Chevy. Good luck, Mora, and drive carefully!..On the sick list at this time is Agent TONI STIPATI, the wife of Agent SAM. Toni had surgery at Presbyterian-St. Luke's hospital. We hope she is well on the way to complete recovery...Agent JOE RYAN was hospitalized for a short while, but we are glad to report him well and back on the job again...August was a month for birthdays in the DOYLE household. Clerk DAN, August 11; grandson, DANNY, August 10; son-in-law, AL DEMPSEY, August 26, and Agent MILDRED DOYLE on August 28. ..Congratulations to two adorable toddlers who just celebrated their second birthday: SEAMUS PATRICK NOONE and KEITH HANNING Jr. My how those two years flew by. ..JULIE MATTRAN and her husband planned a nice vacation here in Chicago. They attended some ball games, went to see a few plays, and enjoyed family barbecues with their children and grandchildren...In closing, congratulations to Co-reporter MILDRED DOYLE who received an excellent passenger commendation. We just can't understand why her hubby, DAN, calls her Stormy...To all the new summer students, thanks for a job well done...Keep smiling!

*- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wixted*

**MILWAUKEE, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -**

Here we are again with most of the vacations over, and our student agents already back to their college classes. We hope they will all return next year...Agents EUGENE BEEBE and JOHN TAYLOR took their pensions on July 1. Janitor PATRICK MASTERSON took his pension on August 1. Here's hoping they all will have a long and healthy retirement...Our sincere condolences to the family of Janitor CHARLES RAJEWSKI who passed away on July 19 after a long illness. Charles was the brother of Agent WALLY RAJEWSKI...Collector STEPHENSON has resigned from CTA. Good luck on your new job...MYRTLE APITZ is vacationing in St. Lucie, Florida, visiting her brother and step-parents. Hope you have a wonderful time, Myrtle, and that it is cooler there than it is here...DOROTHY ADLER flew to Binghampton, New York, with her two-year old grandson for nine days, to celebrate the first birthday of her twin granddaughters on July 30...Student Agent PATRICK BURKIN who attended Loyola university will return to Loyola to be a teacher. He has been with CTA for two years...Agent BELITA PIERCE had the misfortune to fall and break her foot on June 5, and on July 5 she lost her brother. Our sincere condolences to her family...Our fellow reporter, MARY WIXTED, received a letter of commendation from a passenger who is the president of a company. He said that in all the years he has been going through the Austin Station, ne never met a more pleasant or courteous agent. It couldn't have happened to a nicer person, Mary. There should be more agents like you... TOM CRONIN, a city police detective and the nephew of Janitor GEORGE HALL, was married to PAT MORAZEK on July 29 with a reception following at the Driftwood with 400 persons attending. George and his wife, CORRENE, attended and had a wonderful time...Congratulations to Pensioner JOHN TAYLOR who bought a 1972 Comet. Hope you have many enjoyable hours of driving, John...Congratulations to Student Agent JERRY DUBANSKI who was married on August 11. Here's hoping the newlyweds have many years of happiness...Collector VERNE NORSTROM's son is now home after spending four years in the air force. ..We were all happy to see ELEANOR HASBROUCK and VALERIE (THOMAS) ODOMS back to work after being off due to illness. Hope you stay well, girls, as it's no fun being sick...Your co-reporter, GRACE MOUNTS, and her husband attended a reunion in Ladoga, Indiana, on August 6 with 35 in attendance, and another family reunion on August 13 in Holland, Michigan, where 100 persons attended...The little league baseball team coached by Superintendent JOHN ZUPKO won another pennant and championship at Pottawatomie Park. Mr. Zupko has been the coach of the team for four years and they have won 100 games and lost only 10. That's a pretty good record, I think. Mr. Zupko's son,

A BIT of nostalgia circa 1950 – do you recognize yourselves, fellows, the No. 1 ace team from Blue Island! Let's hear a cheer for (back row left to right) MEL BURNS, BELMONTE, FITZGERALD, MILO RUZICKA, ART JOE, JOHN REED, GEORGE MORRISEY, JOHN (Brooklyn) GREELEY (deceased) and DOUG BOLIN. Front row, left to right, are BOB KEARNS (deceased Board Member), ED BUNTA, JOE KNAPSAC, FRANK HARTIG, FRANK PARTIPILLO, BAKER and JIM BROGAN.

THIS BRIGHT-EYED little loss is CYNTHIA MARIE KARIOLICH, the 18-month old granddaughter of LOUIS KARIOLICH, electrical worker, Skokie Shop, and the daughter of ANTIMA and LEWIS KARIOLICH.

JIM, played first base on the team. This is the fourth straight year his team has won the championship...GRACE MOUNTS' sister, EMMA BROMBERG, was here for a visit from Pompano Beach, Florida. Emma also went to Michigan to visit relatives and friends...Good luck to everyone on the new pick, and I hope you all got the stations you wanted.

*- Grace Mounts & Katy Moriarty*

**NORTH AVENUE -**

Operator RAY SPAKOWSKI and his better half, ROSE, celebrated 26 years of wedded bliss on July 6. We extend our best wishes for many more. My wife and I celebrated our 35th anniversary on August 14. We took our sons, daughters-in-law, and mother-in-law out to dinner...Congratulations to JAMES PARSON and his wife, PAT, on the birth of 6 pound JAMES Jr. born July 26. James, the new papa, is the son of Operator EINAR PARSON who is now a grandpa seven times. . . Bus Hiker EDWARD DOWLING joined the ranks of the pensioners on August 1. We all remember Ed for his prayer services at North Avenue each morning at 6 a.m. We wish him the best. Keep in touch, Ed. Ed and his spouse are touring the West Coast...Bus Dispatcher BILL KOSEK, South Shops, and his wife, STELLA, and children, DENNIS and CAROL, visited Minnesota and Canada. Bill did a little fishing and a lot of eating... Bus Hiker DAVID KISSANE and his wife, RUTH, spent a few weeks vacation in Wisconsin...A card from Montreal tells us that Pensioner VIGGO WINDFELD and his wife are having an enjoyable time sightseeing. They send their best to their friends at North...Pensioner O. WIKRENT visited Chicago and saw some of his old friends. He enjoys living in California...Our best wishes for speedy recoveries are sent to Operators HERB LINDEMANN and NICK DeFINA who are on the sick list...We are happy to let you know that Operator BEN FLENAUGH did himself proud winning the Senior Men's Tennis Championship of the Chicago Park District. He represented Chicago at the National Park District tennis tournament held in Glendale, California, between August 5-13. Congratulations!..Pensioner BARNEY CALLAHAN sent us some additional information on that delightful golden wedding celebration. Among the guests were their son, BERNARD, and his wife, BERNICE, and their three children; their son-in-law, BOB ELDER; their son, THOMAS, and his wife, JUNE, and their two children; their daughter, ROSEMARY GUIHAN and her husband, JOHN, and their six children; and their daughter and son-in-law, PATRICIA and E. KANTECKI, and their five children. Patricia made those lovely table decorations. MARGARET CALLAHAN DEEMJAHN came from Kansas, but left her husband and ten children at home. JACK GUIHAN, formerly with the CTA, and his wife, MARY ANN, and daughter, MICHELE, who is Barney's great-granddaughter, were there from Denver, Colorado. Barney's sister, RITA WALSDORF, and many nieces and nephews from Chicago attended. JOSEPHINE's brothers from Iron Mountain, Michigan, attended also. Other CTA friends there were: Pensioner HARRY SWIETLIK and his wife; Pensioner RAY PFEIFER and his wife, and JULIUS GAJEWSKI and his Mrs...Our deepest sympathy is extended to Operator DAVE KISSANE and his wife, RUTH, in the loss of Ruth's mother, LIMA NASTALI. The bible tells us, "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord."..Pensioner BILL ECHOLS is back at The Park hotel, 309, 210 Fountain street, Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901. He hasn't been well and is, at present, confined to his room. He has been in and out of the hospital several times. We pray that he will soon be able to get around. He is always happy to hear from his old friends. In spite of his illness, he remembered to send us a lovely anniversary card...I met Pensioner LOUIS HOY who is well and asks to be remembered to his friends. I also met Pensioner ERNEST BOCK who sends his best to all...Superintendent WILLIAM MOSER of Archer and formerly of North, is smiling over the new air-conditioned buses which he says are most comfortable.

Who were the three instructors that set out for the shores of Lake Michigan, toting all of their fishing gear, with visions of bringing home the largest catch ever? You might know they returned home empty-handed. Wonder if their wives insisted on being taken out to one of the better seafood emporiums for dinner. We'll never tell who they are, but just to give you a hint, their last initials are: E, J, and L. Better luck next time, fellows...July 17 was Instructor LEE OAK's birthday. It was also the day his daughter, Mrs. ALBERT PRUES, presented him with a brand new baby granddaughter. Now that's what we call a real dandy birthday present...We hope by the time this is in print Clerk ART ECKER's mother will be out of Walther Memorial hospital and back in her own home. She's much too nice a person to be spending her time in a place like that...We're sending out birthday greetings to a few people that have grown a year older. We're awfully sorry that some of these are a mite tardy, but I can assure you they won't be next year. For the month of June, TONY KEMP and JACK AMBROGIO; in July the candles were lit for MIKE LACRIOLA and one of our new custodial engineers, WILLIAM OLIVER, and in August we had cake for BOB STACH's 39th(?) birthday. Among those who claimed September as their birth month were: Retired Custodian TOM HURLEY (how about paying us a visit, fella?), Assistant Superintendent WARD CHAMBERLAIN, and last, but not least, the pride of North Avenue Station and Elkhorn, Wisconsin, AL (Elkhorn) ROHDE...On August 15 Clerk ED WITEK and his wife, GLADYS, celebrated 28 years of married life. Topping them by three years on September 26 were Assistant Superintendent of Kedzie Station ART TABEL and his wife, LAVERNE. We wish both these couples many more years of the same, but it is beyond our comprehension how the girls bear up under the strain...Almost all of the fellows here at North Avenue went somewhere on their vacation, either with their families or by themselves. BOB STACH naturally headed for Lake Leach, Minnesota; Supervisor ED WOJDYLA visited the neighboring state of

Wisconsin; JOHNNY STICH and his wife, MARY, went shopping for carpeting; Supervisor SAL PERCE and his better half spent quite some time in Las Vegas; Operator RAY ZIELINSKI visited Disneyland, rode the cable cars in San Francisco, and also visited the states of Arizona and Colorado, and Supervisor B. FAY joined the jet set and took off for Ireland. Who knows, with a bit of his blarney he might just help settle a bit of the unrest in parts of the old sod. Two other supervisors headed south: H. MILES went to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and B. HICKS headed for nature's air-conditioned Ozarks, Mountain Home, Arkansas...While in Florida, Clerk HANK ZYCH and his wife missed seeing retired clerk ROLAND HEAD due to the fact they had to hurry back for the services for Mrs. Zych's mother who passed away. After spending some time in the hospital as a result of an auto accident, Hank returned to work and then took another short vacation in Wisconsin...Chief Clerk FRANK PASCHE spent a quiet, restful vacation in the town of Roselle, Illinois. Why not, that's where he lives...The office force here at North Avenue has rolled out the red carpet for all the new custodians and clerks that came here on the last pick. Glad to have you, fellows...Box Puller C. BARAGLIA has aided the comfort of his fellow box pullers and himself by contributing some chairs that he worked on himself. Alright everyone, let's all say thank you to big Charley...That just about winds it up for another issue. We need more news fellows, so how about getting your name in print. Let me know what has happened, or is going to happen. You'll find your co-reporter, WALTER BLIX, working, I repeat—working—at the switchboard after 1:30 p.m. five days a week. Drop in and tell me all about it. See you all purty soon.

*- William Miedema & Walter Blix*

**NORTH SECTION -**

Greetings to all you North Side employees, we are finally back in print and shall bring you up on the news...Agent BARBARA SMITH celebrated her birthday with many of her friends while on vacation. North Side Clerk IRWIN HARMON also had a birthday celebration with a few of his friends...Student Agent WESLEY SMITH and RUTH ANN BILLINGS were recently united in marriage. Wes was graduated with a B.A. in psychology, and Ruth with a B.S. in nursing. Wes will continue his schooling at North Park Theological seminary for the ministry. Good luck to them both...Retired agents ELSIE REIMER and BERTHA ATKINSON were both in the hospital. We hope they are both well on the road to recovery...Motorman JOE NAPLES resigned to become a fireman for the Schaumburg Fire Department...It's not hard to figure out who is the best fisherman in Motorman CARL GESBEK's family. Mrs. Gesbek outdid Carl by catching a two-pound fish. That's one more rung on the ladder for Womens Lib...Agent GERTA MATTHEWS and her husband spent their vacation in Germany. While there, they helped Gerta's mother celebrate her birthday and also her brother's birthday. Gerta said they had a wonderful time, but it is always good to go back home...Student Agent MARIA RAGO and JAMES NEWBOLD became Mr. and Mrs. recently. Many of Maria's CTA friends attended the wedding and reception. We wish them good luck and many years of happiness...Agent LORRAINE ORR became a grandma for the third time when her son, ANGELO, and his wife presented her with a third grandson, VERNELL DEAN. Lorraine says she is looking forward to the day when she might get a granddaughter. Lorraine recently returned to work after being off sick and in the hospital, and says thanks to all who sent cards and called her. ..Agent LUCILLE GRESHAM is home from the hospital after suffering a slight stroke. She would like to thank her friends for their calls and would like to hear from a few of her fellow employees. Lucille is the sister of Janitor SAM SWEENEY...Agent PETER DJURDJIVIC spent his two-week vacation in beautiful Hawaii. Pete is still talking about the hula dancers...Supervisor BOB THOMAS and his family spent their vacation with Bob's mother and family in Youngstown, Ohio, and Washington, D. C. While in Washington, they toured the White House and sat in on a session of the Senate. Bob said they had a very good time...We all send our sympathy to Agent LORETTA McCARTHY and her family in the tragic death of her son, GREGORY. Loretta wishes to thank each and every one of her many CTA friends for their prayers and help in her hours of need... Motorman JAMES QUON and his family went to New York and Florida on their vacation. They made the trip in their new Olds 98 that Jimmy bought for the trip...Agent MARY DONOHUE spent her vacation with her family in Ireland and had a wonderful time...Congratulations to Supervisor and Mrs. JOE KORAL on the arrival of their first grandchild, a boy named STEVEN JIM ARMSTRONG born in Hawaii where the baby's father is stationed with the army. ..THOMAS F. QUINAN wishes to thank all the agents and janitors for their retirement contributions and gifts. Thomas took his pension on August 1 after more than 44 years of service. We wish him a long, healthy and happy retired life.

*- Tina Henke*

**WEDDING BELLS** rang on July 1 for **DONNA** and **KENDRICK BISSET** at Newman chapel in Edwardsville, Illinois. Kendrick is an electrical engineer I for the Electrical Department, and Donna was graduated two days before the wedding from Michael Reese School of Nursing.

**PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -**

As soon as everyone finally arrived, our third annual Stores, Purchasing, and Specification Departments picnic got underway. The activities of the day started with volleyball, badminton and softball. The games were played and everyone won prizes. It was also noted that GEORGE MIKOTA's presence did not affect the beautiful weather we had. And for the first time the only people who got wet were the people in the water balloon contest, and then of course, that water balloon that came from nowhere and hit George Mikota on the head. What a mess! But all in all, our group, with a few new friends and many of the old friends, had a good time and already are anticipating our fourth picnic...Best wishes are extended to DUNCAN MUR-

RAY, Storeroom 61, who retired on July 1. An open house was held in his honor in the Stores Department. Along with many of his friends, his two sisters and his niece attended. A gift was presented to Duncan with good wishes from all. A healthy and happy retirement to you, Duncan! Best wishes are also extended to OBIE LUDLOW, fork lift operator at 63rd Street Yard, who retired on July 1. A luncheon was held in his honor and he was very appreciative of all his friends who wished him a long and happy retirement. Good luck to both of you!..A big hello is extended to STEVE ZAHORZ who replaced Duncan Murray as stock clerk II in Storeroom 61...GERRI LA VINE, Stores, was seen cycling around the Lincoln Park area a few Sundays ago on her new "super-dooper" three speed Raleigh bicycle. Gerri's bike is equipped with a carrying case, a Mickey Mouse bell, and a "neato" wicker basket. With all the equipment, Gerri still can't figure out how to prevent the cuts and bruises, but it doesn't matter because she enjoys cycling...TONY DI GIOVANNI, Stores, spent a one-week vacation at home with his family. His daughter, who lives in California, visited them with her new son. This was the first time Tony has seen his grandson other than in pictures. Tony says he had a very good vacation...Good luck is expressed to JERRY KILLMAN, Stores, who transferred to Technical Services at South Shops. We will all miss Jerry and hope he has forgiven us for his last day in the Stores Department... Our deepest sympathy is expressed to Mrs. WILLIAM SIEJA and her family in the death of their husband and father, WILLIAM SIEJA. Bill worked in the Stores Department as a clerk II...Good luck wishes are extended to BARB BRADY, KATHY KILGALLON and GORDON FEYEN who helped us out during the summer and have now returned to school. Thanks for your help...A "cutie", "something else", is how they describe JUDI KILLMAN, a nurse in a hard hat and the wife of JERRY KILMANN, Purchasing. A member of a group referred to as industrial nurses, Judi is the only woman on an all-male scene. She is in charge of the first aid trailer at the construction site of the Standard Oil of Indiana building, Randolph street and Stetson avenue. Her dedication to duty has won the trust and admiration of all the men working there. Good luck, Judi, and be careful of those high beams...We'd like to hear about all your vacations, so give us a call or send us a little note.

*- Cecilia Trucco & John Gill*

**OPERATIONS (Transportation) -**

JIM TUCKER's vacation began with more excitement and happiness than most peoples. The morning he was to leave, the phone rang and he received the news that a new granddaughter, DANA, was born. His annual spring vacation was a circle trip that took in Illinois, Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, Tennessee and Indiana, visiting with relatives and friends. A few days were spent with a CTA retiree, DOUG MALLISON, whose home overlooks Lake Ray Hubbard. New Orleans proved to be as interesting as ever. With the exact fare system, streetcars on the last line are now operated by one man. A new bus type push-out door has even been installed at the rear end of all the cars. During the week of July 4, Jim took a Slumber Coach ride on the Burlington-Northern to meet his old travelling partner, FRANK MATAE, a retired bus operator from Lawndale, and his wife. After meeting in Denver they went on to Estes Park and made the usual trip through Rocky Mountain National Park. He drove back to Chicago making the Pioneer Village in Nebraska and the Amish Settlements in Iowa the last stops on a very nice vacation...CARL GIBES and his wife, HILDA, and their daughter, SHIRLEY, drove to Hot Springs Village, Arkansas. They enjoyed the outdoors, fishing, swimming and even played tennis. Carl, of course, played golf every day he was there. He even got his wife to join him one day, but she says that's not for her. Their son, RONALD, even joined them for a day which added to the enjoyment. They returned home with a tan and said they had a great time. A note to Carl's golf partners: you will have to find out for yourselves as to how much good the practice was because he wouldn't tell me any of his golf scores...CARL and FREDA LARSEN flew to Copenhagen where they spent three days. They rented a car and drove to Denmark and Germany sightseeing, and also visited the birthplaces of their parents. They stopped in many other cities along the way which included a trip on the Rhine. They left the car in Amsterdam and went to London for four days before returning home to conclude a wonderful three-week vacation. . . BOB and JUNE QUETSCHKE along with PEGGY and STAN TADEVIC, Employment Department, recently returned from what was described as a fabulous vacation. They travelled by train, boat and bus to Glacier National Park in Montana, Seattle, Washington, and had breakfast in the Space Needle, Victoria, Vancouver, the Canadian Rockies, Banff, Lake Louise and Harrison Hot Springs. There were many beautiful places to talk about, but they seemed to be impressed the most by Butcharts Gardens in Victoria, Lake Louise and Banff. They all had a wonderful time from beginning to end, had very nice weather, took loads of pictures and will be talking about this trip for a long time...JAMES and ANN BLAA flew to San Francisco on their vacation. A few of the things they did was to go for a ride on the cable car and on the BART System which was pretty nice, and also went to Fisherman's Wharf. One day Jim even had lunch with AL WOLF, whom some of you might remember. They continued on their way motoring down Route 1 through Monterey, Big Sur, through the Hearst Castle to Los Angeles, spending some time at Disneyland and visiting with friends. They flew to Phoenix and visited with Pensioner ELIOT L. HIRSCH in West Sedona before returning home. It was a very nice vacation, but too short...Your scribe, COLETTE, her parents, FRANK and ROSE SZCZEPANEK, her two nephews, BILL and STEVE MOLL, and even her dog, Misty, went to Springstead, Wisconsin, for a vacation. They went fishing every day, and even went swimming a few times although the water was cold. They had some nice weather, came home with a little tan, and enough fish for a number

THIS LOVELY young lady is EILEEN HENNIGAN, the daughter of FRANK HENNIGAN, material coordinator, MCOP Department, South Shops, who recently won the title of Chicago Rose of Tralee. Eileen traveled to Tralee, Ireland, where she competed in the International Rose of Tralee contest and was a runner-up to the winner from Sweden.

# Recent deaths among employees

MARVIN N. ADAMS, 32, 77th Street,
Emp. 11-12-62, Died 8-8-72
ANDREW P. ANDERSEN, 71, North Section,
Emp. 11-20-44, Died 8-15-72
JOHN L. ANDERSON, 80, Devon,
Emp. 5-4-21, Died 7-14-72
ANDREW ANDRIOWLOS, 80, Armitage,
Emp. 7-5-23, Died 8-22-72
GEORGE F. BAILEY, 81, Devon,
Emp. 7-8-14, Died 7-23-72
JEREMIAH J. BALY, 79, Wilson Avenue,
Emp. 12-20-15, Died 7-28-72
ELMER J. BALLOK, 72, Beverly,
Emp. 8-26-29, Died 7-31-72
SIMON BANAS, 84, Devon,
Emp. 5-12-19, Died 8-30-72
ARTHUR W. BATES, 80, Keeler,
Emp. 5-18-22, Died 8-16-72
THOMAS A. BELAND, 64, South Section,
Emp. 7-8-47, Died 6-21-72
DAN W. BELEY, 44, North Avenue,
Emp. 3-6-63, Died 8-23-72
MICHAEL BELLEZZO, 60, West Section,
Emp. 5-14-42, Died 9-6-72
JOSEPH BLASIK, 84, Track,
Emp. 5-5-22, Died 7-9-72
ARCHIE P. BLISS, 70, Beverly,
Emp. 11-22-28, Died 6-25-72
WILLIAM BONAGUIDI, 78, West Section,
Emp. 5-4-17, Died 5-26-72
PERCY B. BOYLAN, 87, Kedzie,
Emp. 2-16-21, Died 7-22-72
JAMES BRANIFF, 69, Kedzie,
Emp. 6-4-36, Died 7-12-72
JOHN P. BRENNAN, 67, Limits,
Emp. 4-7-43, Died 8-27-72
HENRY E. BRETZ, 74, Kimball,
Emp. 3-6-43, Died 8-21-72
JAMES J. BRUIN, 72, Construction & Maintenance,
Emp. 7-20-21, Died 7-4-72
ARTHUR W. BUHRING, 72, 69th Street,
Emp. 1-3-24, Died 8-21-72
JOHN BURROWS, 70, Lawndale,
Emp. 12-10-42, Died 8-13-72
FRANKLIN G. CAMPAIGNE, 76, 77th Street,
Emp. 4-14-21, Died 7-5-72
WILLIAM E. CASTREE, 76, South Shops,
Emp. 9-24-29, Died 8-26-72
EDMOND CLEARY, 47, 69th Street,
Emp. 1-30-51, Died 8-8-72
LEONARD CODUTI, 76, West Shops,
Emp. 7-10-42, Died 8-29-72
JOHN T. COLEMAN, 50, 77th Street,
Emp. 4-13-53, Died 8-22-72
JIMMIE D. COLLIER, 46, West Section,
Emp. 7-15-58, Died 7-16-72
MARTIN J. CORCORAN, 88, 77th Street,
Emp. 2-28-22, Died 7-16-72
WILBROD P. COUSINEAU, 82, 61st Street,
Emp. 7-5-45, Died 6-21-72
LETA CROWLEY, 72, Medical,
Emp. 3-11-29, Died 8-20-72
BASIL DEPRIZIO, 79, Forest Glen,
Emp. 11-19-43, Died 6-30-72
CHARLES J. DeWITT, 76, Security,
Emp. 6-22-23, Died 7-22-72
JOHN J. DURKIN, 62, South Shops,
Emp. 3-18-29, Died 8-23-72
HARRY G. EITEL, 70, 61st Street,
Emp. 3-15-26, Died 7-28-72
JAMES FAKLIS, 78, 69th Street,
Emp. 10-10-42, Died 8-11-72
PATRICK A. FALCONER, 75, Devon,
Emp. 12-6-27, Died 7-7-72
HENRY FALLEK, 52, North Section,
Emp. 7-23-46, Died 6-11-72
CHARLES FITCHNER, 60, Archer,
Emp. 2-22-46, Died 8-19-72
FRANK FOERNER, 73, 61st Street,
Emp. 8-18-19, Died 7-7-72
FRANK FOX, 74, Archer,
Emp. 11-26-18, Died 8-16-72
JOHN J. GEARY, 68, Accounting,
Emp. 8-16-43, Died 6-21-72
JOHN D. GOTAUTAS, 81, 77th Street,
Emp. 7-12-17, Died 6-28-72
AUGUST V. GOYKE, 75, North Section,
Emp. 5-5-21, Died 8-16-72
MICHAEL GROCH, 77, North Avenue,
Emp. 4-4-24, Died 6-15-72
SAMUEL HAMILTON, 86, Skokie Shop,
Emp. 11-9-42, Died 6-3-72
ALLIE J. HANSEN, 84, 69th Street,
Emp. 5-27-10, Died 8-17-72
LEE A. HARPER, 35, Kedzie,
Emp. 3-20-58, Died 8-25-72
HOWARD J. HAUSKNECHT, 65, North Avenue,
Emp. 10-30-33, Died 7-17-72
ARTHUR HEIDECKE, 88, Transportation,
Emp. 4-27-05, Died 6-17-72
ADAM HENNINGSEN, 91, Electrical,
Emp. 7-8-36, Died 7-27-72
ROBERT R. HESS, 80, Devon,
Emp. 5-27-24, Died 6-19-72
HENRY J. HOFFMEISTER, 60, Stores-South,
Emp. 8-2-34, Died 7-7-72
EDWARD T. HURLEY, 81, 77th Street,
Emp. 7-22-11, Died 8-28-72
JESSE E. JAHNZ, 63, 77th Street,
Emp. 12-30-42, Died 8-23-72
EDWARD JENDRZEJEWSKI, 72, Security,
Emp. 4-2-23, Died 6-30-72
JULIANE JOHNSON, 73, Howard,
Emp. 1-8-19, Died 8-24-72
MARTIN J. KAWA, 83, West Shops,
Emp. 7-16-43, Died 7-5-72
RICHARD KEMPIAK, 84, Devon,
Emp. 5-1-07, Died 8-31-72

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# Recent deaths (contd.)

JOHN KENNEDY, 84, West Section,
Emp. 3-27-20, Died 8-8-72
MARION KOTARAC, 84, Track,
Emp. 10-1-20, Died 7-31-72
SIGFRIED B. KURZWEIL, 72, 77th Street,
Emp. 4-22-19, Died 8-20-72
ARVID S. LARSON, 74, North Section,
Emp. 4-28-27, Died 6-23-72
HARRY W. LOGERQUIST, 82, Devon,
Emp. 5-14-12, Died 9-2-72
MICHAEL MANINO, 66, South Division,
Emp. 11-18-43, Died 7-14-72
ALBERT A. MASE, 87, Armitage,
Emp. 10-17-18, Died 7-17-72
WALTER MIKICICH, 62, Employee Relations,
Emp. 1-23-46, Died 9-6-72
MARION MILAVICH, 69, West Shops,
Emp. 7-1-36, Died 7-7-72
DAVID MOORE, 88, Kedzie,
Emp. 5-24-09, Died 7-10-72
JEREMIAH MORRISSEY, 70, 77th Street,
Emp. 8-6-25, Died 8-13-72
FREDERICK W. MUELLER, 75, Devon,
Emp. 11-28-24, Died 8-15-72
LOUIS MUHOWSKI, 63, Lawndale,
Emp. 2-2-44, Died 7-14-72
RICHARD K. MURPHY, 31, Forest Glen,
Emp. 2-29-68, Died 7-24-72
ANTHONY MUZINIC, 82, Way & Structures,
Emp. 9-20-20, Died 6-11-72
MILO MYERS, 64, Lawndale,
Emp. 2-15-45, Died 7-11-72
MICHAEL O'CONNOR, 86, West Section,
Emp. 11-17-09, Died 6-14-72
EDWARD J. O'NEILL, 62, South Shops,
Emp. 10-10-45, Died 8-12-72
ARTHUR D. ORMOND, 68, Campaign Area,
Emp. 6-5-23, Died 7-10-72
HENRY PEARSON, 54, 61st Street Shop,
Emp. 11-4-65, Died 9-1-72
GEORGE M. PECHOUS, 67, West Section,
Emp. 7-10-45, Died 8-3-72
JOHN PELICAN, 75, Kedzie,
Emp. 1-10-30, Died 6-19-72
CARMEN PETRUCCI, 74, West Section,
Emp. 4-9-23, Died 6-10-72
ARTHUR PICKARD, 73, Electrical,
Emp. 6-13-13, Died 6-25-72
RICHARD H. POWERS, 68, Schedule-Traffic,
Emp. 1-5-34, Died 6-18-72
STANLEY PRZETACZNIK, 88, West Section,
Emp. 3-23-28, Died 6-1-72
CATHERINE M. QUINLAN, 82, West Section,
Emp. 8-23-26, Died 5-24-72
CHARLES RAJEWSKI, 57, West Section,
Emp. 6-13-67, Died 7-19-72
ROLAND A. RENTZ, 64, 39th & Halsted,
Emp. 2-2-45, Died 7-16-72
THOMAS J. RICHARDSON, 76, 77th Street,
Emp. 8-17-18, Died 6-12-72
JOHN J. RYAN, 80, Kedzie,
Emp. 10-28-19, Died 7-20-72
STEVE SARA, 53, North Avenue,
Emp. 10-8-45, Died 8-27-72
EDWARD G. SCHMIDT, 71, Forest Glen,
Emp. 5-29-25, Died 8-14-72
MARTIN SHANNON, 78, 77th Street,
Emp. 1-24-17, Died 8-29-72
MICHAEL SHERIDAN, 73, North Park,
Emp. 12-14-26, Died 6-23-72
GEORGE N. SHWERY, 83, Douglas Park,
Emp. 5-1-24, Died 8-21-72
WILLIAM SIEJA, 52, Stores,
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CARL G. SISLER, 83, Archer,
Emp. 11-17-20, Died 6-22-72
FRANK SKUTA, 82, Way & Structures,
Emp. 6-11-21, Died 7-24-72
JOSEPH H. SMITH, 64, Transportation,
Emp. 3-30-42, Died 6-11-72
CASPER C. SMOLAK, 78, Lawndale,
Emp. 11-12-26, Died 7-30-72
EDWARD F. STAHLE, 82, Limits,
Emp. 10-21-19, Died 7-10-72
CHRIST STOVLBECK, 75, 77th Street,
Emp. 6-11-20, Died 5-27-72
LOUIS J. SULKA, 84, Way & Structures,
Emp. 8-12-18, Died 7-7-72
PATRICK F. SWEENEY, 85, 69th Street,
Emp. 8-11-20, Died 6-16-72
HENRY A. TAYLOR, 90, Kedzie,
Emp. 10-22-18, Died 8-11-72
ALBERT M. THOENSING, 62, Kedzie,
Emp. 8-11-41, Died 7-3-72
ALBERT J. TOTTE, 84, North Section,
Emp. 4-12-23, Died 8-3-72
WILLIAM J. TOWNSEND, 65, Electrical,
Emp. 11-19-45, Died 8-16-72
HENRY L. UMLAUF, 74, West Section,
Emp. 1-19-21, Died 7-12-72
SALVATORE J. VALLONI, 66, 69th Street,
Emp. 10-24-42, Died 6-22-72
EDWARD J. VAN PEER, 76, South Section,
Emp. 12-12-23, Died 6-12-72
JOSEPH J. VARGO, 67, West Section,
Emp. 5-10-30, Died 7-22-72
R. N. VUJNOVICH, 79, Skokie Shop,
Emp. 3-13-19, Died 8-2-72
JOSEPH G. WESTMAN, 83, Utility,
Emp. 12-15-13, Died 8-21-72
ELLEN F. WHALEN, 82, North Section,
Emp. 6-8-22, Died 6-2-72
PAUL J. WINKOWSKI, 62, Forest Glen,
Emp. 11-24-36, Died 8-19-72
CHARLES WOHLBEDACT, 60, 69th Street,
Emp. 10-19-36, Died 7-24-72
LEO J. ZIELINSKI, 64, Wilson Shop,
Emp. 6-2-41, Died 8-27-72

of good meals...The man with the big smile on his face in the Radio Room is ROBERT TALBOT. The reason for his happiness is the birth of his first grandchild, COLLEEN MARIE, born on July 29 weighing 7 pounds 11 ounces and 21 inches long. The proud parents are CARL and DIERDRE COLOMBO. Congratulations to the happy families and the new bundle of joy. . . During her vacation, LORRAINE BRAZZLE became the owner of a 1972 green Maverick. She put a lot of mileage on the car during the two weeks she was off which included a ride to Michigan. Good luck with your new car, Lorraine...On July 16, retired Station Superintendent THOMAS F. SCREEN and his wife, DOROTHY, were married 40 years. They celebrated their anniversary by going to the Tail of the Tiger in Fort Lauderdale for dinner. Congratulations and best wishes... Our sympathy is extended to the family of JOSEPH H. SMITH, retired information clerk, who passed away on June 11.

**(Transportation Instruction) -**

July 17 was RAY and DOROTHY PRYOR's 40th wedding anniversary. They celebrated this occasion by going to the Medium Rare for dinner with their family. Congratulations! Ray is supervising instructor at 77th Street Station.

**(Utility and Emergency Service) -**

Summertime is vacation time, and JOHN C. MILLER went to sunny Florida, TONY MUSTACCHIO vacationed in the wilds of Canada, spending most of the time fishing, and O. W. JOHNSON went to the beautiful North woods to relax. DICK BRADY spent his vacation at Cayman Island in the British West Indies, which is only eight miles wide, 22 miles long and 50 feet above sea level at the highest point. He feels that this would be an ideal place to retire as there isn't any pollution, no television, no public transportation, but is perfect for fishing, swimming and snorkeling...We recently received a card from Pensioner MATT STIGLIC who vacationed in Durango, Colorado, Yellowstone National Park, San Diego and San Francisco. He also made it a point to spend some time at Disneyland...PAT PORCELIUS and his wife, LORRAINE, and their son, MICHAEL, flew to Las Vegas for a week of fun. They saw some very good shows, had very hot weather, and didn't leave with empty pockets. A good time was had by all, but the week went by too fast. Their son went to California and Disneyland for an additional ten days and poor Pat had to return to work... We say welcome and good luck to ROBERT MARTIN who transferred from 69th Street Station, and RICHARD ANTONOVICH who transferred from Shops & Equipment Department. We also want to wish SAM JAVORSKI the best of luck in his new job in the Electrical Department... Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of ROLAND RENTZ who recently passed away, and to VERNE LANDIS whose father-in-law passed away.

**(Traffic Planning) -**

FLOYD BURNS spent a few days of his vacation in Detroit, Michigan, visiting with friends he hasn't seen in a long time. He said the weather was beautiful and he had a good time...NANCY and RICHARD JOHNSON went to a place called Villa Venise on Squaw Lake in Minocqua, Wisconsin. Even though they were only there for one week, they went horseback riding, swimming, fishing, boating, visited several places and also saw the ski show. They and the four other couples with them had a great time...VINCE DONOHUE and his wife and children went to Twin Lakes for their vacation. They had a very relaxing week and did nothing but swim and fish. Incidentally, the kids caught a lot of fish and had a ball. One day was spent at Lake Geneva where they went for a boat ride and sightseeing. The days were hot and beautiful and the nights were chilly...HAROLD ROWBOTTOM and his family were gone on vacation for four days. They drove to Greenfield Village in Dearborn, Michigan. They continued on to Ludington where they took the ferry to Milwaukee and enjoyed a day at the state fair. It was a short trip, but a very nice one.

*- Colette Szczepanek*

**RAPID TRANSIT MAINTENANCE TERMINALS -**

Congratulations to ROBERT and CHERYL BLICHARZ, Linden, on the birth of their son, ROBERT PAUL Jr., June 17. Also walking around like proud peacocks are EDWARD BLICHARZ, Wilson, who became a grandfather for the first time, and grand-uncle JOHN BLICHARZ, Howard. Little Robert sure caused a stir among these CTA employees... N. FIERAMOSCA and B. TUDISCO, Forest Park, journeyed across the Atlantic for a visit to sunny Italy...Giving golf instructions for the pro-am tournament is how S. RITA, Forest Park, spent his vacation. Wonder if he picked up any pointers? . . W. BOCHENEK and J. O'TOOLE, Forest Park, are swapping fish stories after spending their vacations fishing the streams and lakes of Wisconsin...A trip to see the sights of New York was enjoyed by J. RANDAZZO, Forest Park, while T. BRANDON, Forest Park, enjoyed easy at-home living...J. PUGH, Forest Park, spent his vacation on duty with the army reserve at Camp McCoy...The year's best vacation was enjoyed by S. MATURO, Forest Park, who visited Las Vegas and won $10,000!..A hearty welcome is extended to new servicemen C. MASLIC, A. BONICK, N. LYONS and F. BARKER from all the boys at Forest Park...Welcome back to J. CANNON, MARK DIEDMAN and J. LEONARD from their friends at Dan Ryan... Glad to have LORENZO LACEY, who recently completed his training, in the clerk's pool at Dan Ryan...Everyone is happy to see JOHN SHANAHAN, 61st Street, back at work after a prolonged stay in the hospital...What is the secret that keeps JOHN ANTONUCCI, 61st Street, walking around with a great big dazzling smile. Could it be new caps?.. Enjoying some easy summer living are H. DICKERSON, T. FRIEND, L. SLAY, J. KOBER, C. TOWNSEND and M. COYLE of Dan Ryan; also S. NETTLES, W. SPARKS, G. PLEASANT, J. BUFORD and R. REUTELL of 61st Street... A trip to our neighbor to the north was enjoyed by J. MOLLOY of 61st Street.

*- Ray Brzeczek*

**SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -**

WALTER THOMAS and his wife flew to Oregon to visit his in-laws...BERNIE KINCANNON relaxed around home on his vacation. . . RUTH HAVLIK and her mother drove to Pennsylvania to meet her sister, and then motored to Canada...ED JOYCE is vacationing in and around Chicago. . . BOB LaVOIE walked his daughter, SHARON, down the aisle. She was married on July 28 to KENNETH ROMANCIK at St. Simon's church and a reception was held at the Chateau Bel-Aire. We wish the couple many years of happiness... Pensioner PATRICK LENIHAN and his wife are moving to California to get away from the cold weather in Chicago. Patrick is enjoying his retirement and looks very good... ED JURIC became a grandfather again; this makes number three. His daughter, MARGIE, gave birth to another daugh-

THE "BIRDIE" must be a cute one, judging from the grins on the faces of Forest Glen Transit News Reporter BILL HENRY (left) and Operator JAY LOMBARDO. Bill was looking over retirement property in Florida when he ran into Jay, who was on vacation visiting his son and daughter-in-law at their home.

ter. Congratulations...GEORGE WEST, traffic checker, became a father when his wife gave birth to a baby girl on Friday, August 11. Mother and baby are doing fine... WALTER SCHWEINFURTH, traffic clerk, passed away on June 20. He started his career in transit in 1940 when he joined the Chicago Surface Lines as a conductor. We extend our sincere sympathy to Walter's wife and family in their loss.

*- Kathryn Batina*

**SKOKIE SHOPS -**

Hi! I'm your new reporter from Skokie Shop. I'm also new at this sort of thing, so I would appreciate all the help I can get from you fellows in the shop...We would like to wish EVERETT ENGLAND and JOE BARO, axle-airbrake foreman, much health and happiness in their retirements. We'll miss you, fellows...The third annual Skokie Shop picnic was a huge success. What a wonderful turnout we had. It certainly made all the planning and hard work worthwhile. We would like to thank our chairman, GENE JANKOWSKI, upholsterer, and his co-chairman, ED REYNOLDS, sheet metal worker, and all the fellows and their wives (too many to mention) who worked so hard for the success of the picnic. We'd also like to thank the fellows in the shop and our friends from the terminals for supporting our every endeavor throughout the year for the success of this affair. Our congratulations to our softball team--they did it again. They beat the General Office team 9-5, which means Skokie Shop keeps the trophy for another year. We thank the Mart team for playing us, and we certainly hope they enjoyed the picnic. Skokie pensioners were out in full force for the picnic. Some came from Florida, California, Washington and Wisconsin. Those attending were: RAY MURRAY, SALVATORE DAMIANO, ERNIE GAICHAS, JOHN MASCARI, EMMETT NOLAN, WESLEY WILSON, FRED MOHN, GEORGE RATEIKE, JOHN McGEE, AUGGIE and FRED FEINENDEGEN, JOHN GARTH, LESTER REICHARD--former superintendent at Skokie Shop, LARRY DREW, HOMER DOUGLASS, OTTO MOSER, DAVE JANSEN, VINCE KORTZ, JULIUS ELENBOGEN, WILLARD LUCAS and EVERETT ENGLAND. Forgive me if I have forgotten anyone. Retirement certainly agrees with them as they looked wonderful and are having a great time for themselves. Speaking of pensioners, those that were unable to attend this year sent their best regards to all their friends at Skokie: BILL MICHALIK, TED NIENABER, CLARENCE GOLZ, GEORGE LARSEN, EARL LEAMING, PAT DUFFY, BEN LUCIA and ROY NUBIE...Technical Services Engineer GORDON (Jeff) BRADY spent two weeks on the West Coast visiting Washington, Oregon and California. The largest part of the trip was surviving 6,700 miles in a Volkswagen...Congratulations to new Skokie Shop Superintendent ROBERT S. WINTHER, and to BEA SUSMAN on her new job as shop clerk IV...KATHY GRAYBIEL's help was sincerely appreciated this past summer. We will miss her. Good luck at DeKalb, Kathy!..We'd like to welcome EDWARD BLICHARZ, our new material coordinator I. Wilson Avenue's loss is Skokie's gain. Glad to have you with us, Ed...It's with heavy hearts we bid adieu to Co-op Trainee JOHN HRUBY. It was nice having you at Skokie this summer, John...Your reporter and her husband, HUGH HEGARTY, secretary-treasurer of Division 308, had a great time driving through the New England states. The drive along the New England coast was just beautiful...Pensioner EVERETT ENGLAND and his wife, MARCIE, took a ten-day trip through Quebec, Canada, via Niagara Falls on their retirement honeymoon, and returned by way of Lake Placid. They also attended the Wisconsin State Fair on August 15. Ev is here every payday and the following Friday for the credit union...Remember, fellows, I need your help for our column. Thanks a lot.

*- Catherine Ann Hegarty*

**SOUTH SECTION -**

My hubby ROLAND and I have returned from a wonderful two-week trip to Florida by car, where we visited Clearwater, St. Petersburg and Tampa. We just love Florida. It was our first trip there and we can hardly wait to go again. As everyone knows I'm a "summertime gal." While there we visited with pensioned clerk JOE O'CONNOR and his wife, ANN, a former ticket agent; retired supervisor DON MURPHY and his wife, GEN, who live in New Port Richey, and retired conductor WILLIAM DOHERTY and his wife, EVELYN, who live in St. Pete. They all said "hello" to everyone. They have beautiful homes and treated us royally. We just loved Clearwater Beach with its white sand and the beautiful Gulf of Mexico. We both got real tanned. We were sorry that we were unable to see all the pensioners who live in that area, so we'll have to take a rain check till next time. We saw Busch Gardens and Cypress Gardens in Winter Haven and enjoyed both. Now back to reality...Motorman EDWARD BREWER decided to join the married ranks and was united in holy matrimony on August 5 to IRIS L. LEE at Nazareth Lutheran church and had a nice reception afterwards. Much happiness and good luck is wished the newlyweds...Congratulations to Switchman ROBERT GRAHAM who was promoted to yard foreman on July 23...You know it really is a small world. Motorman ROBERT BUTLER and his wife were vacationing in the Colorado Rocky Mountains, and while in Estes Park they were walking down the street and who should they see but Conductor LEONARD SUCECH and his three grandchildren. They went back to Leonard's trailer and had a nice visit with them. The Butlers also visited Colorado Springs...A hearty welcome back from the sick list to Motorman DOMINIC CESARE, Switchman SIDNEY GOODMAN, Work Train Conductor ELLSWORTH WIGGINTON, Conductor GORDON BUTLER, Agent MILLYE BEATTY (the wife of Division 308 President LEONARD BEATTY), and Janitor PETER EVANS...A big round of applause to each and every one of our employees who made "Employee of the Year." We know you worked hard to get the title and we're all proud of you.

Space does not permit me to name each one...Clerk JOHN BARRY, 61st Street, and his wife, NORINE, and his sister-in-law, Assignment Agent LILL CULLINAN, had a wonderful trip to Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard on the East Coast. They ate lobster and clam dinners the Cape is famous for and said the scenery and weather were beautiful...Hi to newly-hired Conductors TERRENCE ATKINSON, ROSCOE JONES Jr., MICHAEL JEFFRIES, JAMES MARINA, RAPHEAL CREW, MANUEL THOMAS, GARY GLEASON (who transferred from the Surface Division), HENRY GLEES, ALBERT POWELL, ROY SKINNER Jr., HOSEA CONNIE and WILLIAM LATIMER, and newly-hired Janitor STEVEN JAMES...Agent RUTH LOVELL vacationed in the Rockies and Colorado Springs, too, to see her married daughter and her family, and her brother who also lives in Colorado. She thinks that Colorado is "God's Country." We did too when we visited there a few years ago...We wish Motorman WILLIAM FRANCIS good luck on his transfer as a janitor to the West Section recently. . . Retired Agent SARAH McEVOY is having a wonderful summer in Ireland visiting her relatives. She returned home in September... When we came back from our vacation, we heard that retired motorman HARRY EITEL had passed away. Our sincere condolences to his family. Also to retired motorman EDWARD HENNESSY whose sister, MARY SULLIVAN, passed away, and to retired motorman JOE HILL whose wife passed away recently. The Hills lived in Boynton Beach, Florida. It is very, very sad to lose a loved one. May God be with you...Our vacationers are going to far away places. Motorman TONY JAGLA and his wife traveled to Hong Kong and had a good trip. Tony bought some suits while there because there were so many bargains. The traffic jams he said are worse than here in the States. ..Received a nice letter from retired North Section clerk WILLIAM NEUSON who lives in St. Petersburg, Florida, and who is the secretary-treasurer of the CTA Pension Club of St. Petersburg. He said the club celebrated its 15th anniversary this year. We have many pensioners living in Florida...On the sick list at this time and in the hospital is Agent ANTOINETTE (Toni) STIPATI. Let's all hope that Toni will be home soon and recuperate fast so she'll be able to come back to work. Toni wishes to thank everyone for all the flowers, cards and calls while she is on the sick list...Motorman FRED and TILLIE GRONEMYER took a trip to Florida, too. They visited Disney World and said even though it is crowded, be sure and see it...Has everyone noticed the change in Clerk TYRONE BROWN at 95th Street? He looks ten years younger. I hardly recognized him. Here's his secret--a new hairpiece. So you fellows with a receding hairline, see Tyrone and how young he looks and take heed...Conductor JOHN DANEK flew to Hawaii. He really likes Hawaii and all the islands. While there he went fishing, and who should be on the boat, along with many other people, the movie actor Richard Boone. He also tried surfboarding but to no avail. He says it's much harder than it looks...Conductor STAN ZIELINSKI told us that he met retired clerk CHARLES SASSO at Howard Street recently. Charlie looked wonderful and says hello to all...Motorman PAUL DUCAR and his Mrs. took a trip to Deming, New Mexico, and liked it very much. He says that it is very relaxing out there and is seriously thinking about living there when he retires...I heard that Agent JAMES MORRIS took his pension August 1. Mr. Morris was a fine gentleman and will be missed by all his customers and co-workers...Collector WILLIAM SMITH and his wife, Agent INEZ, vacationed in Detroit and Canada and had a good time...Retired Assistant Station Superintendent JOE TVRDIK dropped in to see us and he's really enjoying his pensioned life. He fished in the Ozarks, visited his father in San Francisco, and he was recently married. Isn't that wonderful! Congratulations to Joe and his bride, and may you both enjoy many years of happy retirement life.

*- Verna Hartney*

**SOUTH SHOPS -**

Once again it's time to report the vacations, births and all the other news that comes from South Shops...MARTHA JUGIN, MC&OP, went to Florida with her son, his wife and their children. They visited Disney World, and Martha said they really had a ball. Judging from the pictures that Martha's son took, and the tales told, I can really believe it. They also went to Tampa where they visited the Busch Gardens...GEORGE CLARK, superintendent of Shops & Equipment, spent a week's vacation up in Mackinaw, Michigan, relaxing and enjoying himself...EARL LARSEN, MC&OP, went with his wife and daughter to Southern Norway. Mr. Larsen said it was beautiful with the grass and plants so green and the sky so blue...ELAINE STEWART spent a week in Jamaica at Montego Bay. She toured the whole island and said it was just wonderful. Elaine said that she is planning to return in the near future and she can hardly wait...EDNA WALKER, TSD, and her husband, RONALD, switchman at 95th Station, spent a long weekend in Las Vegas. While there they saw Sammy Davis Jr. and Gladys Knight and the Pips at the Sands, and Patti Page at the Landmark hotel. Ron won $200 at the dime slot machine which was good, but Edna lost $20 of it. The weather was a scorching 115 degrees. Edna gained five pounds and got a nice sun tan. She was mad because she didn't win the $500 jackpot at the quarter slot machine...AND NOW FOR THE OUT IN THE SHOP NEWS...The South Shops golf tournament was held Saturday, June 17, at Westgate Country club. AL SAMASKA, Area 349, shot an 82 for the lowest scratch score of the day. He was followed by RICH ZAJAC, Area 351, at 88. COTTON ZAJAC, Area 316, won the tournament with a handicap score of 73. Everyone enjoyed a great dinner and took home a door prize...On May 28, SWEDE LAXSTROM, MC&OP, won a $100 savings bond and a wrist watch in a golf tournament in Northfield, Illinois. Congratulations, Swede!..All the guys in Area 349 wish AL WENDT a speedy recovery from his broken arm...RAY MATHIS, Area 321, became a grandfather on June 6 with the arrival of JENNIFER RAE MATHIS. The proud parents are Ray's son and daughter-in-law...Also in the proud parents corner is RICK MARRON, Area 318, with a baby girl, JENNIFER LYNN; also DENNIS ROHE, Area 318, with a baby boy, SEAN MICHAEL. Dennis' wife, MARY, was formerly a typist in the MC&OP office before she resigned to wait for Sean to come along...Congratulations to HARRY HOLLENDONER, Area 312, who was married to CAROL GUSS on August 26 at St. Gustine Martyr church...JOHN BAGDZUIS, the son of JOE BAGDZUIS, Area 312, was graduated from St. Lawrence High school and received a scholarship to attend DePaul university...BILL KLIMSON, Area 312, became a father on May 23 when his first daughter, KIMBERLY LYNN, was born...FRED DECHAN, Area 342, and AL YODUL of the Dynamometer Room, spent a week fishing in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. They caught all the striped bass they could handle...Congratulations to Machinist EDWARD KRASULA, Brake Department, who took his pension on July 31. A long and happy retirement to you,

Ed...We wish the best of luck to JOHN McGUIRE, electrician from Area 344, who took his pension on October 1 after 48 years of service. We would also like to congratulate JIM OOSTMAN who took his pension on September 1. A long and very happy retirement to you both...TONY VIDMONT, Area 321, took his wife fishing at Sugar Island, Michigan. While there, Tony's wife showed him how it's done. She caught all the fish. While there Tony met ED BARTKUS, Area 316, but they couldn't outfish that sharpie Mrs. Vidmont...JOE McNAMARA, Area 318D, took his family and camper to Florida to see Disney World, and they also stayed in the Keys for three weeks...BOB BURNS, Paint Shop, toured the eastern states in his new Olds. While there he visited relatives in upstate New York... JOHN NORMAN, Area 313, went west to Tyler, Texas, the rose capitol of the world, and also to Houston to see the Astrodome and the Chicago Cubs...A get well wish goes to BEVERLY LEWIS, the daughter of WINMAN LEWIS, who is recovering from eye surgery. Winman is the leader in the Paint Shop...Everybody is glad to see DAN MURPHY, Area 336B, back to work after being off for six weeks due to surgery...JACK LAUBINGER, Area 336B, and his family camped their way cross-country to visit friends and to see Disneyland, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and even Mexico. Sounds like it was a great trip...Congratulations to ROBERT C. LEE on his becoming a journeyman mechanic in Area 334 on August 5...AL SAMASKA, Area 349, and his wife, MARY, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on August 16. They were surprised with a party in their honor at Hallerans. AL Jr., Area 348, gave the party and from their looks Monday morning, they had a ball...All the girls in the Print Shop returned from their three-week vacations. VICKY JARECKAS visited relatives in Mexico City and saw all the sights, while JO ANNE NEGRO went north to Mackinac Island, Michigan, and other points of interest around the Great Lakes...Our congratulations to ALEX GASICK's daughter, BERNADETTE, who was chosen "Miss Dolton." On the same day, Alex and his wife, HELEN, celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary. Alex has another daughter who won the "Miss Dolton" title in 1969. The girls must get their good looks from their mother...JOHN GUZAITIS, Area 351, and his family flew to California to visit relatives and see the sights in Disneyland...RAY EVANS and his wife visited Colorado, New Mexico, and Las Vegas. We understand that Ray even got home with his shirt on his back...We extend our deepest sympathy to BOB BYRNES, Area 348, in the death of his uncle, JOHN NAGLE, 87, in Casinty Clare Island...RILEY JANUARY and HOWARD BURRIS, both of Area 348, took long trips this year. Riley and his family went west to California and Mexico, while Howard went to Winnipeg, Canada, and up to the Northwest Territory...That's all for now--we out here at South Shops hope that everyone had nice vacations like our people did.

*- Denise Patheiger & Jim LaMont*

HI THERE! My name is OMAR TRIMUEL. I am the one-year old son of Limits Station Operator HERMAN TRIMUEL. My mom's name is BETTY. I know they love me very much, because they adopted me.

**52ND STREET -**

Division 241 held its annual golf tournament during the month of August, and 52nd Street was well represented by Operators JESSIE BYRD, WALTER FALLS, JIMMIE LOCKE and TANZELL GOVAN, all of whom walked off with prizes. There was also a dinner later which concluded a grand day...Vacations headed the list of things to look forward to during July and August, but finding out what went on has become a real job...IKE CLARK purchased a new car that he's been showing off for two weeks...ALBERT WILLS and his wife, JEAN, took a short trip to Memphis, Tennessee...ROBERT RILEY was on vacation, but no one was quite sure since he was in or around the station almost daily. Others were FRED POWELL, CHESTER JONES, TOMMY DAVIS and GENTRY, who we received a card from, and BOB BRADLY who said he didn't do anything... At this writing O. W. HOOKS, better known as the "old man", is on vacation in Texas. The vacation of all vacations was had by Operator S. PHILLIPS. Globetrotting Sam is in Moscow, Russia. Now that's a real vacation, if you ask me!..After 20 years at 52nd Street Station, Repairman CHESTER BANFORD has transferred to Storeroom 48... Operator CLEVELAND HOSCH took his pension after 20 years of service and left a word to all his followers, "The best of everything to them."..Our deepest sympathy is extended to HOSEA JOHNSON, our assistant foreman, in the loss of his son, SAM JOHNSON, who was killed in Korea. Mr. Johnson had to be contacted in Lincoln, Nebraska, as he was on vacation at the time. You have our prayers, Mr. Johnson.

*- John L. Hudson*

**69TH STREET -**

We offer our deepest and sincerest sympathy to the following families in their loss: ED CLEARY of the repair department who recently passed away; BILL SIEJA of the General Office and formerly a serviceman at 69th; SAM JOHNSON, the son of former 69th PM Foreman HOSEA JOHNSON, who was killed in Korea while serving in the armed forces; JERRY MORRISSEY who was on pension, and CHARLIE WOHLBEDACHT who died after accidentally falling in his home. Charlie had plans for an early retirement by the end of the year. They will all be missed by their many friends here at 69th Street...May JOHN W. MUELLNER and his wife enjoy many happy and healthy years of retired life. John was supervisor of garages for many years...HARVEY BROCK, well known for his carp fishing, caught one that was wiser and smarter. It hooked poor Harvey and pulled him into the lake...SAM THOMAS and COLUMBUS GRAY just went for a ride to Wisconsin. Although they caught plenty of bass, Sam dropped the whole catch in the lake. Is that the way to do it, fellows?..We wish CHARLIE KUBAL and JOHN VINE a long stay at 69th Street. Charlie is the new night foreman, and John is a repairman. The best of luck to TERRY MUELLNER who transferred to Forest Glen as night foreman...On vacation

from the repair department at this time are: P. SZAFRANSKI, CHARLIE KUBAL, C. REESE Jr., J. WIGGINS, J. LUNDY, JIM CASEY, C. GACEK, S. MURRAY, B. McBRIDE, JIMMY LEE--who is on a fishing trip in Wisconsin, B. VENHUIZEN, DENNY PIERCE and MIKE MORAN. We hope they all enjoy themselves and come back safe and sound...DAN O'ROURKE and his family went to Ireland. I bet they will have plenty of tales to tell of the sights and places they visited...RAY HAMMERSCHMIDT, the guy who comes to work in two different kinds of shoes, and his lovely wife celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on August 14. They left for their vacation on August 13 for Denver, Colorado, and Yellowstone National Park...J. J. KELLY really enjoys his vacation now that he is following GENE HOWE. Never pick a run that follows a night bus, J. J...CHARLEY (Drawbar) HOLLAND showed up for work on his anniversary day...C. L. GRANT did a little fishing at the State Park in Kankakee. He also visited Detroit and Pontiac, Michigan, and caught a 5½ pound channel cat...My wife and I spent a weekend with HORNING and ED STEFFAN and their wives in Michigan. We all enjoyed ourselves, especially when we all slept in the same bedroom--separate beds of course. I played possum that night and ended up with a good sunburn. Figure it out for yourselves, fellows...F. J. MITTLER claims that the northern peninsula of Michigan is a great place to spend a vacation...W. WILLIAMS visited his son in Dallas, Texas, and said it really gets hot there. Willie saw the Houston Oilers play the Dallas Cowboys in an exhibition football game while there and said the stadium is really something to see...Superintendents G. D. PEYTON, J. PETROCIUS and F. ZEIGER are really proud of the way we beat our commendation and complaint pars for July. The coffee and rolls tasted good, too, boss...Supervisor N. TRIFFON lost 60 pounds and looks very sharp, especially when he has a pocketful of cigars, the type that MIKE BARRIS and J. J. DUBINSKI smoke...The rumor has it that we are getting diesel fuel tanks. Sounds like army talk to me...Instructor JOHNSON knows when to take a vacation. ROSS, O'DONNELL and GUTHRIE handled the influx of summer help like a breeze, and say thanks to all the operators who helped to break them in...Clerk FRANK ROONEY is looking for a barber who will cut enough hair off so he will think he is getting his money's worth...Superintendent PEYTON was quite upset when he couldn't find our Quarterly Award plaque. He quieted down when Rooney informed him that it was sent out to have some changes made...SAM CLARK, the happy clerk, really likes that nice quiet rock music. His buddy, D. FORD, was on jury duty, but didn't send any bad guys to jail. He did miss being at work and digging the operators... ED BEHRENS, who has trouble getting off the bus, wants to give BILL DONAHUE a few lessons on how to get off a bicycle. Ed broke his ankle getting off the bus, and Bill broke his wrist getting off his bike. What some people won't do to get out of work...We had two former operators return to their jobs at 69th: Mr. STEPHENS who tried out clerking, and Mr. ECHOLS who tried his hand at television repairing. I guess this job isn't too bad at that...Well, the big game for the CTA softball league championship has been played and, unfortunately, we lost by a score of 9 to 2. I would like to congratulate manager LEON HARRIS and Coach C. WILEY for doing such a great job. The team consists of good guys like: L. E. BAUGHN, A. GOSS, T. DIXON, T. HARDAWAY, R. L. McNEAL, D. EICHELBERGER, F. PORTER, W. ROBINSON, S. MORGAN, P. S. THOMAS, A. MILLER, L. BOBO, E. E. HOLLIS, G. TAYLOR Jr., W. JOHNSON, O. J. TURNER and Leon and Wiley. We are really proud of you, fellows...Until next time, God bless all of you.

*- Art Buesing & Jimmy Ahern*

PICTURED WITH one of the many fish he has caught since his retirement is ADOLPH KUTZ, now residing in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Adolph was on estimator for the Electrical Department before taking his pension January 1, 1972.

**77TH STREET -**

I would like to take this opportunity to say farewell and congratulations to our former 77th Street Transit News reporter, ELCOSIE GRESHAM, who did an outstanding job reporting the news for our station. As fate would have it, with all good men, they move on to bigger and better things, and so it is with Mr. Gresham. I know I speak for all the men at our depot when I say "lots of luck" to him and the other elected officials of Division 241...If you could peek at some of the faces of people in other places, you would see among the sights these familiar faces: In Washington, D.C., you would have seen KENCH and JEANEATTE BORUM and their family taking in the sights and sounds of our nation's capital. Now who would have thought of seeing EMERY GIPSON in Canada, and now he's in St. Paul, Minnesota. My, my how he gets around. And who is that coming up the trail? Why it's none other than BEAUFORD ROBINSON and his wife, ALICE, and their children. Not far behind them is FAMOUS HOOKS and his lovely wife, HARRIDELLE. Texas is getting pretty crowded, so Hooks and company pushed on to Missouri. Looking in on Memphis, Tennessee, I see JOHN STOKES and his wife, EZELLA, and their family enjoying that Southern hospitality. It must be catching, because JAMES (Judge) CARTER couldn't resist the lure of Vicksburg, Mississippi. In the midst of the beautiful and scenic Wisconsin Dells, I saw none other than JOHNNY WINSTON and his family enjoying themselves immensely... Other vacationers preferring the comforts of home and the interesting sights of Chicago are: G. VAUGHT, EUGENE BARBEE, DAVID JOHNSON and BO BO BARNES...Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. HOWARD JONES Jr. on the arrival of a son, MYRON KEITH, weighing 8 pounds 1 ounce. Double congratulations are in order for Howard, as his son was born on his birthday...We regret the unfortunate illness which beset Operator JOHN T. COLEMAN, our friend and co-worker on the Cottage Grove route. Get well soon, John...At 77th Street, we take pride in our appearance and our work, and that is why pride in our softball team comes naturally. We didn't take top honors this time, but the other team always knew that they had played a tough adversary when they played 77th Street Station. Wait until next year, the whole thing...Let's cooperate on the street as well as off. Support Division 241 and our elected officials...Deposit all news items in the Transit News mailbox at the front door...Peace and drive carefully. Your new Transit News reporter,

*- Allison De Bonnett*

# WHO NEEDS PEOPLE?

The world is getting smaller. We can no longer afford the luxury of erecting high fences and becoming "good neighbors" by staying behind them.

Increasing pressure is being exerted upon government, business and civic leaders to tackle the human problems of poverty, care for the needy, care for the aged, guidance for the young, homes for abandoned children, teaching the handicapped and many, many more.

Who needs people? The child without parents or a home needs people. The elderly, who have no functional, creative activities with which to pass their remaining years, need people. The youth, who has no recreation center in the neighborhood where he could meet new friends, needs people. The Crusade of Mercy needs people - people like you to help.

The Crusade is making a concerted effort to meet its responsibility to support agencies that provide human-care services that benefit the entire community, but more help is needed.

The Crusade needs your Fair Share gift to provide more and better services for you. Giving to the Crusade is like money in the bank. Help the Crusade and you help yourself by building a better community.

**GIVE YOUR FAIR SHARE**

**1972 Crusade of Mercy**

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TO ALL EMPLOYEES:

During a time of year when being jolly is supposed to come naturally, I believe it is quite appropriate to discuss courtesy--a matter of year-round concern.

By and large I am well pleased with the courtesy extended to passengers. Operating employees are doing an outstanding job, but there is always room for improvement.

I realize unpleasant situations are not always the fault of the driver, but when you are dealing with the public you have to expect them. It's always been part of the job to be nice to passengers, even before exact fare, and the advent of power steering and automatic transmission. The improvements in equipment and operations give us a much greater opportunity to extend ourselves to be pleasant.

If you are nice to people most of the time they will be nice to you also, and life will be more pleasant for everybody. The driver who says hello to boarding passengers and calls stops in a pleasant voice obviously enjoys life and is happy with his job.

It is especially important to practice courtesy during this season because of the potential riders we can gain. Many shoppers use our services at this time only. We want them to enjoy their ride on CTA and come back often.

Even the new 24-hour senior citizen fare affords new opportunities to gain riders. Their fares may be lower, but in the face of rising costs, every dime counts.

Sincerely,

Michael Cafferty

Michael Cafferty
Chairman


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# Board approves 24-hour senior citizen fares

CHICAGO TRANSIT BOARD at its October 30 meeting unanimously approved expanding reduced-fare hours for senior citizens to 24 hours a day, seven days a week, beginning Sunday, November 5.

Board Chairman Michael Cafferty said, "The elimination of restrictions which have existed since 1969 are evidence of CTA's strong commitment to its senior citizens. The limited-hours reduced fare plan started as a six-month experiment, became a permanent part of our fare structure, and was even expanded upon with broader Monday-Saturday coverage only last month."

Hours for reduced-fare riding Monday through Friday, as established April 20, 1969, included only the midday period from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. As of October 22 these hours were broadened to also include weekday evenings between 7 and 10 p.m. and 13 continuous hours on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The basic fare for senior citizens boarding CTA anywhere in Chicago is 20¢, plus 10¢ for a transfer, if needed. Reduced fares on special services are: Westchester bus-40¢; O'Harexpress bus-50¢; inbound Evanston rapid transit and inbound Skokie bus-60¢; inbound Skokie Swift rapid transit-70¢.

According to Mr. Cafferty, the Medicare Card will continue to be used as identification for reduced-fare privileges for the remainder of 1972, but will no longer be valid as a means of reduced-fare identification effective January 1, 1973, when a Senior Citizen's Reduced Fare Permit will be required for lower fare privileges. Public announcements will be made giving details on where and when the new cards may be obtained. Adequate time will be given to allow senior citizens to have the new cards in their possession prior to January 1.

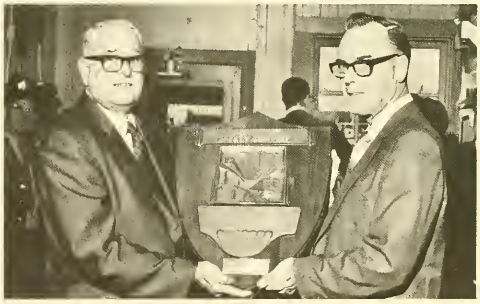
At the Board meeting, Chairman Cafferty stated that the Mayor's Office for Senior Citizens has been working with CTA and given much encouragement for the broader program. He was also delighted that Governor Ogilvie has joined with the Mayor's Office to give support to the needs of senior citizens for reduced fare services.

# Archer, 61st Street named ISC third quarter winners

INTERSTATION SAFETY CONTEST awards, won by Transportation Department employees at the surface and rapid transit operating stations which achieved the best safety performance in the third quarter of 1972, were accepted recently by the station superintendents at the two first-place locations.

In the picture at left, Assistant Superintendent of Operating Stations C. W. Gibes presents the surface ISC plaque to Archer Station Superintendent W. J. Moser (right) and Assistant Superintendent W. V. Coleman (left).

In the picture at right, 61st Street Station Assistant Superintendent J. H. Walsh (right) accepts the rapid transit system ISC plaque from Director of Personnel F. C. Knautz.



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**SKOKIE SHOP** employees Joseph Fano and Kenneth Blocker both won cash awards for their adopted suggestions. In the left picture, Mr. Fano accepts a check for $125 from Superintendent of Rapid Transit Shops & Terminals J. Bolech--his idea simplified brake shoe grinding. Winner of a $120 check, Mr. Blocker is shown with, from left, Mr. Bolech, Skokie Shop General Foreman P. Venticinque and Suggestion Coordinator R. T. Warnstedt--his idea speeded the removal of trolley shoes from brackets.

# Approve suggestion awards totaling $810

SUGGESTION AWARDS totaling $810 were announced recently by Evan E. Olmstead, chairman of the Executive Decision Committee of the Employee Suggestion Plan. In amounts of from $10 to $125, the following awards were presented to employees whose suggestions were adopted.

- Three awards over $100
- One award of $85
- Four awards for $25 each
- Twenty-eight $10 gift certificates

Winning the largest of the cash awards were four Shops & Equipment Department employees. At Skokie Shop, Joseph Fano won $125 and Kenneth Blocker won $120. At South Shops John Kalinowski won $100 and Patrick Nally won $85.

For having a second suggestion adopted within a one-year period, three employees were presented awards of $25 each: General Office—Bernadette Kizior, Electrical, and Marjorie Schintz, Claim. Engineering—G. Thomas Spasojevich, West Shops.

A check to the amount of $25 was also accepted by Anne Zahumensky, General Office-Employee Relations, for her adopted idea.

Gift certificates worth $10 at Jewel/Osco/Turnstyle stores were presented to each of the employees named above and also to the following 20 employees whose suggestions were adopted: General Office—Michael Akai, Central Counting; Harold Burda, Property Accounting; Regina Daren, Medical; Joan Fitzgerald, Reproduction Services; Jill Mise, Specifications; Martha Neffas, Accounting, and Marjorie Schintz, Claim. Shops & Equipment—Edward Gertz, Frank Papaleo, John Steinmetz and Thomas Tadevic, all of South Shops, and Joseph Vitale, 77th Street Garage. Transportation—Myrtle Apitz and James Schumpp, West Section; Denis Adams, North Park Station; Ray Frenette, Lawndale Station, and Harold Walborn, North Section. Electrical—Gerald Kintz, 77th Street. Engineering—James Turner, Track. Utility & Emergency Service—William Moog, South Shops.

## Security Division role expands with transit improvements

A RECENT group discussion in the office of Operating Manager George Krambles was the first of many from which improved CTA security procedures will result. Mr. Krambles stressed the immediacy for planning changes because of extensive improvements to CTA equipment and facilities through grants from governmental agencies. CTA properties are presently worth more than 1.5 billion dollars.

Attending the session were Transportation and Security personnel representing two of the areas which report to the operating manager. Pictured here, from left, are: (front row-seated) Sergeant Peter Genutis, Sergeant Paul Fidanze, Sergeant Anton Mokstad, Acting Superintendent of Security Operations Norman N. Graver; (second row-seated) Lieutenant J. Osterberger, Sergeant Charles Berglund, Sergeant Samual Rini, Chief Robert Miller, Sergeant Bobby Culbertson; (standing) Mr. Krambles, Richard Gross of the operating manager's office, Lieutenant Billy Butler, Lieutenant Robert McElroy, Transportation Department Superintendent of Operating Stations George Riley.

MODERN, COMFORTABLE equipment certainly plays an all-important part in winning and keeping riders, as does the frequency, reliability and safety of transit service. But it takes more than buses and trains to get riders.

It takes good customer relations--just as it does in any other business. And the frontline salesman in our business is the operating employee--the bus operator, trainman, ticket agent and others who make daily personal contacts with our riders.

Too much emphasis cannot be placed on the role that employees play in the struggle to maintain good customer relations. Attitudes toward riders can either please or antagonize those upon whom we must depend for our employment.

To show how much they appreciate personal, courteous service, riders frequently commend operating employees in letters addressed to the Service Section of the Public Information Department. Reprinted here are a few letters of commendation naming individual operating employees:

Kenneth Chrabasz, Operator, Badge No. 5480, North Avenue: "This particular driver is always cheerful and willing to explain the intricacies of transferring to newcomers. It's an awfully nice way to start a day, and speaks well of him and the organization."

Albert Oliver, Operator, Badge No. 4154, North Park: "This driver is to be commended for being so courteous and considerate of me and other passengers."

Young Walker Jr., Operator, Badge No. 4716, 77th Street: "He courteously assisted an elderly blind woman across a very steep curb. This polite and humane gesture was accomplished while numerous pedestrians callously ignored the poor soul."

James Terry, Operator, Badge No. 8454, 52nd Street: "What an ambassador of good will he is! Every person that left the bus had a smile on his face."

Charles Adams, Operator, Badge No. 5057, Lawndale: "The CTA is to be complimented for obtaining the services of such an individual who stands out in the performance of his duties."

Hugh Short, Supervisor, Badge No. 235, District B: "He was most polite and guided the driver through the flooded viaduct in a most efficient manner and is indeed a credit to the CTA."

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John Jordan, Operator, Badge No. 9925, Limits: "He greets his passengers cordially and makes them feel it is a pleasure to have them ride his bus."

Clarence Jenkins, Operator, Badge No. 6458, Limits: "He is a quiet, competent representative who handled the passengers with calm deliberation, and drove the vehicle in a conservative, able manner. It was a pleasure to be on the bus with him in charge."

Nolan Lett, Conductor, Badge No. 21981, West Section: "Two women were confused and didn't seem to know how to reach their destinations. He was very kind in helping both of them."

Helen Edwards, Ticket Agent, Tag No. 1125, North Section: "She never misses saying an unbelievably pleasant 'Good Morning' and 'Have a nice Monday.'"

Harold Oglesby, Operator, Badge No. 3123, Kedzie: "From the very first when he asked me to hold on as he was about to turn the corner at the Armory, I knew I was in the presence of an exceptional employee."

John Eason, Operator, Badge No. 7843, North Park: "I am writing this to let you know we appreciate kind drivers. Thanks for giving us such good service."

Cleven Wardlow, Operator, Badge No. 6454, Limits: "I find him to be thoroughly refreshing, and the radiance he generates is a wonderful note to begin the day on."

Perry Washington, Operator, Badge No. 5239, North Park: "First he helped an elderly lady get off the bus. We went a couple blocks and there was an elderly man that had leg trouble, so he pulled up as close as he could to the curb."

Edgar Greer Jr., Operator, Badge No. 3208, 69th Street: "He is always friendly and courteous to all the people. He seems to be helping the CTA improve every day."

Jerry Peppers, Conductor, Badge No. 22838, Kimball: "Mere words cannot possibly describe this young man's excellent behavior, kindness, and consideration to the passengers."

Jackie Breckenridge, Operator, Badge No. 9984, North Park: "He was by far one of the most courteous and cheerful drivers it has been my luck to ride with. He not only greeted his passengers with a smile but called out all his stops, and when pulling away from that stop, announced the one coming up."

## When to call the doctor and when not to?

## by Dr. George H. Irwin

AT A time when fewer and fewer doctors are making house visits, the above subject seems to be an appropriate one. If everyone were to call the doctor for every ache or pain, cut or scratch, bump or bruise, the doctors would be so busy with little things that they would not have the time to take care of the more serious illnesses. On the other hand, it might be disastrous not to call him for serious conditions. The following information may serve as a general guide to help you decide whether medical aid should be obtained immediately.

When to call the doctor:

1. In the event of any serious accident or injury. Sometimes accidents at first seem unimportant but later on develop internal bleeding or some other serious complication. Such cases require immediate attention.
2. Sudden severe abdominal pain or cramps.
3. Impairment of any vital function. This would include a marked increase or decrease in the pulse rate or difficulty in breathing.
4. Loss of consciousness, no matter how brief.
5. Sudden worsening of any pre-existing symptoms.
6. An unexplained and persistent discharge of blood from the nose, mouth, bladder or rectum.
7. Any sudden neurological symptom such as seriously impaired vision or hearing or mental confusion or convulsions.
8. Any sudden adverse reaction to drugs.
9. Any persistent fever above 102 degrees.
10. Vomiting or diarrhea which continues hour after hour.
11. Sudden severe chest pains.

When not to call the doctor:

1. For clearly minor ills such as ordinary colds, no matter how uncomfortable.
2. A mild skin rash unaccompanied by any other symptom.
3. A low fever up to 101 degrees with no other symptoms.
4. A single episode of vomiting or diarrhea.
5. A backache which you have had for 4 or 5 days or more.
6. For ordinary headaches or constipation unless they have persisted several days or longer.
7. When there is a question about shots you must take before a vacation to foreign countries in the next few months.

And by all means, don't phone the doctor outside of office hours with such explanations as "I didn't want to bother you at the office because I know how busy you are, so I thought I would wait until you could talk more freely."

The following are a few final suggestions to emphasize what has already been mentioned in this article about calling the doctor:

1. Try to give the doctor as clear a picture as possible. Have a pencil and paper to write down his instructions.
2. Don't panic, but don't delay once you have decided to call. It is much safer to call than to take a chance.
3. Absolute mandatory indications for calling the doctor are:
   (a) Serious accidents or injuries.
   (b) Sudden loss of consciousness.
   (c) Severe chest pains espeically when associated with difficulty in breathing.
   (d) Severe abdominal pain with or without vomiting, diarrhea or abdominal distention.

If you are unable to reach the doctor, contact the emergency room of the best equipped hospital in your area.

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REPORTING EXCLUSIVELY on a six-year Food and Drug Administration study, the current Today's Health, the general circulation magazine of the American Medical Association, reveals that a majority of Americans still doctor themselves--and frequently disregard scientific fact while doing so.

According to the study, most of us have one or more erroneous ideas about health matters. One of the most prevalent is the widespread use of vitamins, even though they are usually unnecessary. Half of us think vitamin pills will give us added pep and energy. And a cherished misconception held by 90 million of us is that a daily bowel movement is necessary. Medical science says there is no standard of regularity.

The study reveals that in addition to its usually harmless addiction to vitamins and laxatives, the American public also holds some convictions that aren't so harmless.

- One-fourth of adult Americans claim to have arthritis, rheumatism or some similar disease. But half of them have never had the condition diagnosed.
- More than ten per cent, representing $13\frac{1}{2}$ million adults, would try a treatment that a friend said had helped him, even if a doctor said it was worthless.
- More than 50 million persons would NOT accept the unanimous judgment of doctors and scientists who asserted that a cancer "cure" was worthless, if they heard a cancer victim say it had helped him.

Perhaps one of the most striking things about the report is the absence of logic or system in how we act in health matters. People often try medications or treatments whether they believe in them or not.

# Service anniversaries in November

## 30 years

J. J. Badaluco, North Avenue
W. R. Barron, Forest Glen
J. S. Bednarz, Forest Glen
R. E. Biard, Forest Glen Garage
M. Castle, Stores - North
P. A. Cerotzke, Skokie Shop
A. Chiodo, Forest Glen
C. A. Damian, North Park
J. R. Davidson, 69th Street
C. F. Derrick, 52nd Street
G. DiMeo, Kedzie
J. J. Eroncig, 77th Street
J. A. Fiesterman, Forest Glen
A. J. Hofer, South Section
A. J. Hubacz, Training & Public Safety
E. M. Ignacek, Archer
W. Jugin, Stores - South
P. H. Karowsky, North Section
A. K. Kohlstedt, 69th Street
S. J. Kowalzyk, 69th Street
F. Leszczynski, Lowndale
R. Malfese, Forest Glen
G. D. McGrath, North Park
T. W. McMahon, District B
J. D. O'Donnell, North Avenue Garage
A. R. Olson, North Park
P. J. Retzbach, Archer Garage
H. M. Ringo, 52nd Street
B. L. Roskuszka, Building Maintenance Division
C. Schrey, Building Maintenance Division
N. A. Spitalli, Utility & Emergency Service
L. Sucech, South Section
S. J. Swiec, 77th Street Garage
A. E. Szurek, 69th Street
S. F. Tuttolomondo, District B
L. R. White, West Section
J. P. Wilczynski, North Avenue

## 25 years

L. B. Cantwell, District A
W. N. Cecich, Utility & Emergency Service
S. E. Dein, Forest Glen
C. Dillon, Beverly Garage
S. Dorich, Stores - South
H. A. Enwright, Stores - North
W. G. Gerber, Stores - South
W. A. Harris Jr., 77th Street
J. W. Jackson, Kedzie
E. F. Johnson, Limits
R. Kempe, Skokie Shop
G. A. Kimmske, Skokie Shop
B. Klatt, South Shops
F. S. Kubicki, Tire Inspection Center
E. Kuemmel, North Avenue
F. McDermott, Power Operations
J. M. Moriarty, South Shops
J. S. Nash, 61st Street Maintenance Terminal
V. Ondrias, 69th Street Garage
J. A. Rosendhal, South Shops
J. Salamone, Electrical Distribution
E. J. Schurz Jr., Forest Glen
F. Sobzak, South Shops
H. W. Swietlik, North Avenue Garage
J. F. Tarczueski, South Shops
H. Walters, Surface Garage Campaign Area
M. W. Warchol, North Avenue Garage

## Three qualify as maintenance terminal instructors

GRADUATION CERTIFICATES were presented to three employees who completed the rapid transit maintenance terminal instructor training program. The trainees are now assigned to the instructor's pool and are available to fill vacancies as they occur. To familiarize them with actual working conditions, they are also available to fill temporary assignments, as needed, in the terminal instructor's classification.

Members of the class, pictured here with Shops & Equipment Department terminal instructors, include, from left: D. Nicosia, terminal instructor, R. Stowell, J. Plomin, L. Fields, and L. Monaghan, terminal instructor.

# THE INSIDE NEWS

## AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**ACCOUNTING (General) -**

Congratulations to WILLIAM A. PARRILLO, the son of Budget Accountant BILL PARRILLO, who received his certificate as a certified public accountant at a dinner held in the International Ballroom of the Conrad Hilton hotel on September 27. He was one of 437 Illinois accountants to receive his certificate at the awards dinner...A big welcome back to VIRGINIA HARRER who returned to work on September 25 after a lengthy illness!..SIG SHONTS is recuperating at home after surgery. Hope to see you back with us soon, Sig.

*- Judy Cuci*

**(Payroll) -**

Mr. and Mrs. STANLEY MAILUCK took off again, this time to Colorado to enjoy an autumn trip. The weather in Estes Park was good, although a bit chilly. There were many scenic areas to visit in Big Thompson Canyon and enjoyable hikes to take at Lock Vale and Bear Lake. They also visited Loveland, Greely, Fort Collins, Longmont, Boulder, Chasm falls in Rocky Mountain National park, and Fall River pass. Mr. Mailuck always takes such beautiful pictures, it makes us feel as though we're right there when he shows them to us...CHRISTINE CAMERON had a most delightful trip to the Scandinavian countries where she enjoyed the magnificent scenery, the different customs, interesting shopping, excellent food, and the excitement of being in foreign lands. Then on to Scotland, the homeland of her ancestors. It must have been heartwarming to be with an aunt and cousins who live in Aberdeen, and also to visit with relatives in Inverness. Other cities visited were Glasgow and Edinbourgh, and of course a trip to Loch Ness was a must. She said they didn't see the Loch Ness monster, which must have been in hiding. Traveling abroad is interesting and exciting, but she was very happy to return home to the U.S.A...We are glad to have ROBBIE JONES back at her desk looking very well after spending some time in the hospital...Your scribe enjoyed the colorama in Three Lakes, Wisconsin, where the leaves were at the very peak of fall perfection and just gorgeous to see.

*- Clara Lawrence*

**BEVERLY -**

Operator WILLIAM JONES is mighty proud of his son, BILL Jr., a football player at Iowa Lakes college who was chosen all-conference guard. Bill started his football days at Eisenhower High school where he won the Golden Helmet award. The Chicago Bears could use some help, so Illinois scouts should watch this young man who is 6 feet 2 inches tall and weighs 185 pounds. Good luck, Bill, and we hope you have a happy career...Some men like their work so much they show up when they should be off, like Operator FRED GIBBS who was on vacation with no place to go, and Operator JOHN (Mighty Mite) MAHONEY who checked for his run on his day off...We express our deepest sympathy to Operator PAUL VASILOPOULOS in the loss of his wife... We wish a speedy recovery to the men on the sick list: Operators ED O'SHAUGHNESSY, BRUNO SHIMAHUS, AL KUNKA, IRV WEILER, C. WESTMORELAND and A. SPRINGER. We're glad to report that Assistant Superintendent WILLIAM SCHWEITZER of 77th Street Station is back to work...Chief Clerk MARTIN GRADY had a "honey-do" vacation. Clerk JOHN KIRBY filled in for him and kept the office in tip-top shape...Assistant Superintendent JOSEPH WILL visited his brother in Florida, and looked at the swampland and the birds...Pensioner RALPH LAYTON of Florida visited us at the depot. It looks like the climate is agreeing with him...Pensioner ERNIE TOCCI, former superintendent of 69th Street Station who is 80 years young, has finally decided to take his pension. Ernie has been a language teacher at Mt. Carmel High school for the past 11 years. The faculty is having a surprise dinner and an "Ernie Tocci Night" to honor a grand man. We also wish to honor you, Ernie, and wish you many more happy years with your beautiful wife, ANN, who is the most wonderful girl I have ever had the pleasure to know...PRINCE HUMPHRIES and his wife, ANTOINETTE, became proud parents August 26 when VIDA SHANE weighed in at 7 pounds 4 ounces in Presbyterian-St. Luke's hospital. They've even promised us a picture for the next issue!

Well, well, here it is vacation time again. By the time this issue is out your co-reporter, AMOS FOSTER, hopes to be in Atlanta, Georgia, as far underground as he can get. So, I hope everyone had a nice turkey day. Let me take this chance to thank everyone for the cards and phone calls while I did my stint in the hospital. A very special thank you to the Rosemoore Patrol for the beautiful flower. I want to thank Commander John Shepherd for assuring my quick recovery and return to work. He came to visit me and was singing "Lean on Me" to my beautiful wife, RUTH. So you see I had no choice but to get well...Operator WILLIE McCANN was recently elected commander of AMVETS, Department of Illinois, District 21. This group represents 20 per cent of the entire Illinois membership. McCann has several service programs planned for the coming year... Say, speaking of vacations, Operator RONALD SHAW and his Mrs. are planning a cross-country tour. He will fill us in on the details upon his return...Boy, they are at it again! Operators BANKS (the big one), RAY HELMS, M. REED and JOE JOHNSON. Loud, long and not so clear. They argue about everything--politics, sports, world war II, you name it. And the funny thing is no one ever wins the argument. I had a tape recorder going one day, but Banks discovered what I was up to and destroyed the evidence.

*- Tom Daniels & Amos Foster*

**ELECTRICAL (Chicago Avenue) -**

This article will be a combination of three months' news, as this reporter was on vacation. My wife and I celebrated 25 years of marriage by spending three weeks in Europe. We visited and traveled with our daughters and son-in-law. Germany, Denmark, Sweden and England were the ports of call...BARNEY JONES was in and out of the hospital. Guess they didn't find too much wrong because he came back to work...RON CZURYLO has been in and out of the hospital after surgery and is now recuperating at

home... VITO RACANELLI spent a cool vacation in air-conditioned Door County...September 2 was a busy day for weddings. Mr. and Mrs. STANLEY LUCAS announced the marriage of their daughter, CAROL, to WILLIAM KEM. The wedding was at St. Cajetan's, with a reception at the Beverly Woods restaurant. LUKE and PAT HOWE were very busy that day also. Their daughter, CAROLYN, was married to GYULA SZABO at Queen of Angels church at 4 p.m. A delightful reception followed at Johnny Latner's restaurant in Marina Towers. After a brief honeymoon the newlyweds returned to their teaching posts... Pensioners who have visited: SAM GAFFEN who looks good like Sam should; BOB CONROY who looks even better now, and CLARENCE MALOTTKE--brown as a berry...On September 25 at 10 a.m. a 7 pound 6 ounce baby girl was born to JIM and FRAN CUNNINGHAM. KATHLEEN TERESE arrived with a full head of hair, putting her father to shame... JOHN DROBENA, the father of WALTER DROBENA, passed away October 2 after a short time in the hospital. Our deepest sympathy to you, Walter...Your reporter's mother, SIGNE V. NIELSEN, passed away on September 27 after a short illness...CHARLIE and DOROTHY SALVATORE celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary on September 25 with dining and dancing at Willowbrook. Dick Jurgens supplied the music.

*- Ben Nielsen*

**(Blue Island) -**

Received a nice letter from JOE HERMAN's wife, MARY. She tells us Joe is not only a great fisherman, but now that he is retired he has taken up golf. He shoots in the low 80's, but she didn't say if that was for nine or 18 holes...HARRY ANDERSON spent his vacation at Pelican Lake, Wisconsin, and from the card we received he is quite a poet...Happy retirement to JULIUS CICHON. We hope to see you at the annual retirement party...Congratulations to the RICHARD DORGANS. They were grandparents for the fourth and fifth times within five days. The first to arrive was MICHELE JEAN, born on September 30. Her parents are JEANNE and DICK DORGAN Jr. Born on October 4 was KATHLEEN MARIE, the daughter of JERRY and KATHY RHEA... Our deepest sympathy is extended to CHESTER MATUSZEWSKI in the passing of his mother...A speedy recovery is sent to BILL TIMMERMAN.

*- William Rehder*

**(General Office) -**

JOHN KOWALSKI, testing technician, was married to LUCY SZCZODROWSKI on August 20. The wedding took place in St. William's church with a reception following the ceremony. Best wishes for their future happiness...MARIE HAVLIK had a wonderful vacation when she joined the CTA tour group this summer. She visited the Shobournne palace in Vienna, and Yugoslavia, Greece and some of the Greek islands. In Rome, Marie saw the Sistine Chapel with its beautiful paintings by Michelangelo. She also visited the City of Florence and the sunny Isle of Capri... We wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

*- Kay McAlister*

**(Rapid Transit Signal Division) -**

If you haven't noticed it, I would like to inform you the fall colors are out, and they are beautiful! They say the best things in life are free, so go for a ride, walk through the forest preserves or countryside, and drink in some of this beauty. And for your sake and mine, be careful with fires. One careless moment can set us back hundreds of years...There's a guy in our department who's big enough to go on vacation any time he pleases. This time he drifted out to Albuquerque, New Mexico. By now you know this guy is VICK ZASTERA. Vick was in Albuquerque when the New Mexico State Fair was in progress. This is a big event there...JIMMIE NESBIT is back from his journey across the United States in his Dodge Dart. During his vacation he took in places like Minneapolis, Minnesota; Glacier National Park; Seattle, Washington, and Vancouver and Victoria, British Columbia in Canada. Jimmie's wife, MARGE, accompanied him on this 7,500 mile trip. He had high praise for his little car. On their return trip (if you'd call it that), they visited Death Valley and moving closer toward home, Jimmie spent seven days in Phoenix, Arizona, and four days in Las Vegas, Nevada, where he reportedly saw a lot of "stuff."..DONALD HAWKINS and his wife, JACKIE, have returned from St. Louis, Missouri, where they enjoyed the Six Flags amusement park. Where else can you go when you take your two little girls with you? "Lots of rides," is the way they told it. While in St. Louis they saw the Gateway Arch, a 630 foot high steel and concrete structure honoring the westward movement of pioneers in 1764...D. L. COOTS ended a one-week fishing trip to Ely, Minnesota, where he and his wife, CARLENE, and his father and mother stayed at Canadian Border lodge near Moose lake. He said the fishing was good, and they caught their limit every day...Many of our signalmen are permitted to take a summer or early fall vacation. We view this as a bonus of sort. Whether you go out of town, see the Chicago sights, or just stay at home during your vacation, it's always nice to be off from work during the warm months. So as we close the vacation season, we find many of our fellows heading back from vacation dreamland: PAT DOYLE, FRANK HALPER, RICHARD VIETH, G. W. KEATING, VINCE GASPARAITIS, K. W. KLEICH, LOU GONZALEZ, R. SCHAEFFER, ROGER COMER, R. G. BEDOE, AL PELUSO and PAUL JANKOWSKI, just to name a few. Welcome back, men, now let's head out and get those territories in shape. We barely have enough time before the bad weather gets in...JACK PIPP is still on the sick list recuperating from a serious abdominal operation in August. Jack became ill during his summer vacation. I talked with his wife at the time of this writing, and she informed me that he is recovering nicely from the operation. A back ailment that has plagued Jack for some time is causing him much discomfort, though. I am sure Jack would enjoy hearing from all the fellows. So come on you guys, all together now: GET WELL SOON, JACK, WE'RE ANXIOUS

JOHN KOWALSKI and his bride, LUCY, seem to be updating that old "bicycle built for two" theme. They are shown posed on his Honda after their wedding on August 20 at St. William's church. John is a testing technician for the Electrical Department.

PICTURED WITH the plaque he won in the Metropolitan Miami Fishing Tournament is Pensioner JOE HERMAN who was fifth runner-up with his catch of an 8 pound bass. Joe was a chief operator in the Electrical Department before his retirement March 1, 1971.

TO SEE YOU BACK AT WORK AGAIN...Yes, it's true. STEVEN ZELLNER is settling again on the South Side. Please don't tell him I said so, but I think he likes our kind of hospitality...CHARLIE SEMON and his wife, LAURA, shared some of their excitement over their newlyborn granddaughter with me. Being his first grandchild, it is reason enough for him to stick out his chest. This only happens once in a lifetime. Little JULIE ANN was born on June 20 to DONALD and PAULINE SEMON. Don and Pauline have since moved to Wichita, Kansas, leaving gramps and grandma behind. It will be interesting to watch what Charlie's next move will be. Congratulations...No doubt while you and I were doing routine chores, our man DAN MORIARITY was down in Springfield, Illinois, taking care of the business--union business that is. Dan was among six delegates selected to represent Local No. 9 at the State of Illinois AFL-CIO convention in Springfield. Some other members of the delegation were LUKE HOWE, a Chicago Avenue lineman, and Mr. J. A. McCann, business manager of Local No. 9. Dan served on the public employment committee during the convention.

*- Tommie Lowery*

**ENGINEERING -**

DARLENE JANSEN, your co-reporter, has left our ranks to await her upcoming full-time baby-sitting job. A luncheon was held in her honor at the Sample Room. She wishes to thank all those who attended and says she will miss all of you. Best of luck, Darlene, and thanks for the reporter job. I'm most anxious to find out little goodies to print up, so be sure to save all your exciting news and I'll be sure to come around and collect it...ABEL FOVEA took part in a satire on marriage and divorce, "Parents Without Partners." Apparently he also did some of the choreography for the show. I wasn't aware we had any "twinkle toes" among our staff; we'll have to remember him when St. Patrick's day rolls around...RUSTY RUSAKIEWICZ drove up to Ear Falls, Ontario, for a week of fishing. He tried his luck on Lac Seul and then flew on to Lake Birmingham. Rusty refuses to tell a fisherman's lie and openly admits that he came close, but nevertheless failed, to catch any of the big ones. Maybe he wasn't using the right kind of bait...JOAN GEORGESON grew tired of rainy weather and flew to sunny California for two weeks, where she stayed with her two sisters. She said she had a gr-e-a-t! time but is glad to be back home...We're sorry to hear that GEORGE SULLIVAN is in the hospital. Hope you're feeling much better real soon, George...We wish a fond farewell to CAROL HART of the Real Estate Division. Carol has been with the company for six years, and we have had the pleasure of working with her for the last three. Carol has decided to take an early retirement--very early! Carol, many of us wish we were in your shoes. Enjoy your leisure time in happiness and good health...A special welcome is extended to LINDA LeMONNIER from Claim Department who is replacing Carol. Linda is a familiar face around the Real Estate Division and we're quite pleased in welcoming her back...MICHELLE ALEXANDER transferred to Traffic Planning, replacing NANCY JOHNSON. Congratulations on your new job but don't forget to come back and visit.

**(West Shops) -**

On August 19 Apprentice Plumber S. BROWN took unto himself a bride. Many, many happy years are wished the newlyweds. . . Congratulations to C. J. MAJEROWICZ, plumber foreman, who celebrated 22 years with CTA in September, and to A. SUNZERI, track foreman, who celebrated 31 years...We would like to bid a fond adieu and good wishes for many healthy years of retirement to A. MORTELLARO, trackman, S. JACOBS, laborer, JULIUS GAJEWSKI, machinist, and P. PLUTA, painter. Good luck, fellows...We have quite a celebrity in our midst, JOE STANTON, labor foreman, who received a blue ribbon for his wood carving in Lemont, Illinois. Joe's work is beautiful, and I would just love to own one of his carvings... Happy birthday wishes to GENE REID and JEAN REDD. How old are you?..S. WICKERT, steamfitter, and L. ANDERSON, carpenter foreman, have returned from their Hawaiian vacations. Did I notice a little swaying of the hips, fellows?..Happy to see Superintendent G. MILLONAS back after his three-week vacation in Greece, Yugoslavia and Italy...D. BALANDIS, carpenter foreman, enjoyed his vacation traveling through Wisconsin. Dan says that this time of the year it is beautiful and the scenery is spectacular...PAUL ANDERSON is back from his West Coast vacation which included a stop at Las Vegas. No comment. ..Here's wishing J. IWANSKI, apprentice plumber, a get well quick. You have been out too long and we miss you.

*- Kathleen Brady & Jennie Scott*

**FOREST GLEN -**

First, I hope you and your families had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Of course you all know this day is for giving thanks, and we still have a lot to thank the Lord for. I believe we are all millionaires, maybe not in money, but with our wonderful families. Yours truly is thankful for all the fine gentlemen I have met here at the station...We will really miss GREGG ROM at the Jefferson Park terminal. He is a very fine young man and did an excellent job in keeping our buses clean there. Gregg is studying to enter the priesthood, and I hope he lets us know where his church will be. In fact, old "WILBUR" will sit in the front row and listen to every word. Good luck, Gregg, hope to see you next year..."It seems like only yesterday," said FRANK ENGELTHALER when he spoke of his seventh wedding anniversary September 18...BILL LYNAM was so impressed with the new buses, that when it was time for him to be relieved he was willing to make several extra trips just so he could drive this fine bus. Maybe next time, Bill...Supervisor WILLIE DUREN will celebrate 25 years with CTA on

December 31. He says he is looking forward to 25 more... Operator JOHNSON and his wife went West on their vacation this year. They visited with many of the old-timers out that way and said only one thing was wrong--too short. Well maybe you will have more time next year...TOM ROAN is wondering how he will be able to drive the new buses. It seems he can't get the seat back far enough... Chief Clerk BILL PINASCO went out West on his vacation this year. He tried the one-arm bandits in Reno, and won, of course. That's how he made the trip last so long...Operator JAMES MAJSZAK and his lovely wife, ETHEL, celebrated 25 years of wedded bliss on October 27. James said it seemed like only yesterday that they were married. ..Operator TOM MEAGHER and his beautiful wife, BARB, spent several weeks in Michigan and said it was the most restful time they had in quite some time...Supervisor WENTZEL is still chewing on that wet cigar. If he ever lights it--look out!..A happy belated birthday to BARBIE MILLER, the wife of Clerk MILLER. A surprise party was given for her on October 19 in which Miller treated her to dinner at the Golden Arches and other places of good times. ..Operator JESCHKE and his wife and daughter are touring the West Coast...Superintendent JOHNSON and his lovely wife went south and then took off on a cruise to South America...Pensioner CARL ZARUBA and his wife recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. A party was held for them which was attended by 57 friends and relatives...Your credit union is always at hand for your savings or any other need you may have.

*- W. A. Henry* (Don't call me Wilbur)

**GENERAL OFFICE (Reproduction Services) -**

SUE PIERCE took a maternity furlough to await a blessed event. A group of the girls from the department enjoyed a delicious dinner at Ignatz & Mary, and then took in a show at the Mill Run to see Liberace. A good time was had by all.

**(Office Services) -**

When you see JOHN PHILLIPS, mail clerk, you will notice the difference in his physique. He had joined the weight-watchers and already has gone down a notch in his belt. He is sure making progress...LAVERNE SCHULTZ and her husband drove up to Gunflint Lake, 50 miles outside of Grand Marais, Minnesota, and stayed in a private home. It was really peaceful and good to get away from the office. JOHN SCHWARTZ and a friend flew to Bermuda for a two-week vacation.

**(Insurance) -**

We welcome KATHY KOHLMANN back to work after her operation. She looks good as new...The department extended the welcome mat to ELKE MOLINA, stenographer, and VERNA STUTTLEY, clerk-typist...KATHY MULIZIO, stenographer, left CTA to await a blessed event and take up housekeeping...It looks like JOHN BOYCE was put back to work again at home. He is spending his vacation painting and doing all the outside work before winter. Nothing like keeping good old John physically trim.

**(Medical) -**

Look out--MARY LEDWITH, our Irish nurse, has been attending classes taking up karate lessons. Men beware and behave, or else...It was good to see Dr. ILLA ROMAN back to work after having surgery. He has slimmed down quite a bit and is now growing sideburns...The department welcomes Dr. ARNOLD PECK who joined the medical staff. Belated birthday greetings are extended to RITA WANTROBA, registered X-ray technician.

THIS LITTLE bundle of joy is KENDRA MICHELE EVANS, the five month old daughter of NORRIS and MARY EVANS. Kendra's dad is a clerk at Kedzie Station.

**(Personnel) -**

ANITA CURTIS and her husband flew to Montego Bay, Jamaica, and then on to the Bahamas for a ten-day vacation which was a great treat for both of them. They had plenty of night life...Pensioner WALTER GARBUTT is recovering in Fort Collins, Colorado, after suffering a heart attack recently...Upon inspecting the grounds of their new home one morning, MARIE and BILL CLINE found shamrocks growing in the front yard. Marie brought a bunch of them to the office and showed them to JOE O'SULLIVAN, who considers himself an expert on shamrocks since his recent trip to Ireland, and he was skeptical about their validity. However, it is possible that the wind might have blown the seeds all the way from Ireland and allowed them to settle in Marie and Bill's front yard. Who knows?..ART HUBACZ attended the National Convention of the Polish Legion of American Veterans in Cleveland, Ohio, and was elected National Zone III Commander. This takes in the States of Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana. Art now holds offices in the PLAV at post level as Director, state level as Adjutant, and national level as Zone Commander. He was also elected as Senior Vice Commander of the Combined Veterans Association...JOE and HELEN O'SULLIVAN celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary on October 10... RAY and PHYLLIS FLEMING are finding out that being a homeowner is not too economical. Ray wonders why his back yard had to be blessed with such a large tree--so large that it is growing into the neighbor's yard. Now it has to come down and it is a costly operation...SHARON BOSAN, the daughter of BURT BOSAN, started her career with the CTA as a ticket agent. Good luck, Sharon...PAT DUNEK returned from a wonderful trip to the Pacific Northwest and Canada. Poor Pat was caught in a snowstorm and was totally unprepared for it...KATHY McCARTHY, the four-year old daughter of MICHAEL and ELAINE McCARTHY, is now attending play school. Mike's chest was stuck way out when her teacher gave Kathy a gold star on her first paper...The department welcomes KATHY FABRY back after her long illness. She looks great and says she feels great. Kathy wishes to thank everyone for their letters, prayers and visits. She said they were the best medicine she received...The department

# NEW PENSIONERS

RAYMOND W. BLAA, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 10-3-40
RICHARD R. HALLIGAN, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 4-22-29
OLIVER A. LEE, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 3-19-45
FRANK M. NICHOLSON Sr., General Investigator,
Special Investigations, Emp. 1-7-63
PETER J. PLUTA, Painter A,
Way & Structures, Emp. 8-5-44
RALPH POWELL, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 9-22-42
EDWARD ROHDE, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 6-24-46
THOMAS F. SHEEHAN, Doorman,
77th Street, Emp. 9-25-51
JAMES P. TERRY, Instructor,
69th Street, Emp. 11-28-41
JOSEPH WACKER, Motorman,
North Section, Emp. 3-23-36
JOHN G. WOLF, Bus Serviceman,
North Avenue, Emp. 1-8-43

### DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

JOSEPH A. CUCI Sr., Laborer,
Engineering, Emp. 10-2-41
LORRAINE E. FALK, Batch Control Clerk,
Accounting, Emp. 6-26-44
MORTON LIBERT, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 3-22-62
PETER A. MOLFESE, Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 6-30-43

JOINING THE ranks of the retired on November 1 was RICHARD R. HALLIGAN, bus operator, North Park Station, who had 43 years of service with CTA and Chicago Surface Lines.

welcomes Director FRAN C. KNAUTZ as the new department head.

**(Treasury) -**

The month of September saw many festive occasions in the department. There were three birthdays and three vacations. Birthday celebrants were MIKE KANE, MIKE AKAI and GRANT MOSELEY...If you would like an oratory of 1,000 words or more, just ask ERNIE POTENBERG about the great South and Southwest. As awed as he was by the Carlsbad Caverns, the most lasting impression was the Arkansas brand of southern hospitality. Ask ZANE McBAY, he is an Arkansan himself...High Lift Operator ADAM ZASIMOWICH and Machinist CHESTER PAVLAK took the northern route for fishing and both drew a blank. It seems that they weren't biting, and the fish that all the boys usually pose with had been discarded for the winter...TOM OLENICK is in the process of building his love nest and is entering a plea for any skilled, semi-skilled, or even unskilled help he can get...We repeat under oath, Mrs. PALILUNAS, the boss really did walk into the door.

*- Regina Daren & Eileen Neurauter*

**KEDZIE -**

The new buses have arrived at Kedzie and the operators like the way they look and handle. I've heard nothing but good reports about them. Let's take good care of them and drive them like your own car...Congratulations to Superintendent M. HARRINGTON who is starting his 46th year with CTA, having started with the old Chicago Surface Lines in 1926...At this time I would like to congratulate the following operators who made the "Employee of the Year" list: J. BARNET, J. JACKSON, E. BEENE, H. BEY, R. CARTER, R. COLLINS, I. DEAN, E. DWYER, M. DZINCIOLOSKI, F. FILIPIAK, R. FUNDERBURK, J. GADSON, J. GAGE, D. GARRISON, D. GILES, A. GNIEWEK, R. GRAHAM, R. HARMON, M. HAYES, J. HOFFMAN, W. HOPPER, J. JACOBS, H. LINDBERG, B. McKNIGHT, M. MARKHAM, C. MINNIFIELD, J. MOORE, V. PENN, J. RICHARDSON, F. ROWINSKI, W. RUSCIK, R. SHEA, W. SIERON, J. SIMPSON, R. THOMPSON, C. UNDERWOOD, R. UPCHURCH, C. WAGGONER, W. WALKER, W. WEBB, J. WOOTEN and T. ZUREK...I received a wonderful letter from Pensioner GLENN SEPKE and his lovely wife, EVELYN, who are enjoying life at its best. Glenn says hello to all at Kedzie. I also received a letter from Pensioner HENRY V. NELSON and his lovely wife who are enjoying themselves in Largo, Florida. Henry was in Chicago a few weeks ago and stopped in at Kedzie...Operator RALPH POWELL took his pension on November 1. We will miss your smiling face at Kedzie, but we wish you much luck and good health...Garage Instructor PETE GUEDEL is as proud as he can be. His lovely wife, LAURA, gave birth to a 4 pound 6 ounce baby girl named CYNTHIA LYNN on August 16 at St. Anne's hospital. Cynthia will have a lot of company at home as she has five brothers. The proud grandpa is Operator ERNIE GUEDEL of Forest Glen Station. Ernie was my conductor out of the old Armitage Depot 28 years ago...Our number four clerk, NORRIS EVANS, was also a very proud father when his lovely wife, MARY, gave birth to a baby girl, KENDRA MICHELE, on June 14 at Passavant hospital weighing 5 pounds 13 ounces. This is the first child for Norris and Mary...Relief Foreman PAUL BARNETT is now out of the hospital after undergoing surgery and doing fine. A week after his release, his lovely wife went into the hospital where she gave birth to twins on October 4...Wedding bells rang for Operator JACK and ANN MURPHY, formerly of Kedzie and now at Forest Glen Station. We wish the happy couple much health and happiness...T. J. HEFFERNAN, Kedzie Station credit union treasurer and manager, was united in holy matrimony on September 14 to BERNICE STONEBERG at St. Eulalia church. Heffernan's son, JIM, was best man, and JANICE TATER, the daughter of Bernice, was a bridesmaid. Some

of the guests in attendance were: BOB and BARBARA STONEBERG, TOM and MARIANN STONEBERG, WARREN and PAT COX of Aurora, JIM and ROBERTA HEFFERNAN, DICK and JANICE TATER, JOE and MARY O'SHEA, PAT and NOREEN CARR, MARY RACE, AGNES HAWKINS, and your reporter and his wife, MEL GRAHAM. The reception was held at the Millionaire's Club in Melrose Park, Illinois, and everyone had a wonderful time. We wish the happy couple much health and happiness...Operator WILLIAM LARSEN and his lovely wife, JOSEPHINE, and JOHN and MERCEDES O'BRIEN of North Park Station, spent two weeks in Hawaii. They had a great time taking in all the sights and surrounding islands...Our deepest sympathy is extended to Pensioner S. BERLIN and his family in the death of Mrs. BERLIN on August 7 after a long illness in Mount Sinai hospital. She was laid to rest at Shalom Memorial Park cemetery in Palatine, Illinois...Don't forget your credit union--save a little each payday.

*- Raymond Graham*

**KEELER -**

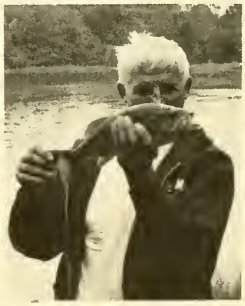
Hi folks. Hope that everyone is aware of an overlooked fact--Thanksgiving begins in the heart, not on the table... Our deepest sympathy to Repairman LOUIS OLANDESE in the recent loss of his father...This being an election year, I'm sure we've all had enough of politics and the various polls. The renowned Disraeli had a good summation of poll-taking and politics. He said, "There are three kinds of lies: lies, damned lies and statistics." However, there is one statistic I'll swear by, as it proves that 50 per cent of the married people in the United States are women. A sneaky way to wish Repairman JOHN KOHMAN and his wife, STEFANIE, many happy returns on their sixth anniversary October 22. Operator ROBERT LEGG and his wife, FRANCES, celebrated 30 years of togetherness on November 10. Good girl, Frances...Repairman CHARLES BOWMAN had to get a very lovely birthday gift for his dear HARRIET on October 5, as his birthday followed on October 11. Operator GEORGE KARRAS gave his missus, DONNA MAE, a pre-birthday gift while he was on vacation. He sang the "Moving Blues" song. Happy birthday anyway, Donna, November 16...SY GOLDMAN and his lovely wife, HELEN, vacationed in Baton Rouge and New Orleans. Sy said he went fishing. I wonder if he caught Kosher fish... Operator JOE VALTIERRA and his family had a West Coast vacation, including Disneyland and Mexico. Joe and I are planning a business venture together. Do you think we will be successful with our "chitlin tacos?"..LARRY HOUGHLAND complained about taxes so much that his wife, DIANE, presented him with a new tax exemption on September 29. They named their new son ERIC...I bumped into Pensioner McDERMOTT, and he looked in such good shape that he could challenge anyone for a gold medal in anything...Oops, I almost forgot. Clerk LEROY KETTERING did some mountain climbing in Colorado Springs. That sure is a hard way to get high...From the office comes the reminder that some hard winter days are ahead. So, fellows, drive carefully and let's work on a Christmas present for our boss. He dropped a hint that he would appreciate a big bunch of "0" days of no accidents and no complaints. Superintendent KEAG informed your scribe that the commendations are falling way behind...The birthday bells are ringing for the following November babies: Operators W. SZYMELL (4); L. E. HOWARD (14); C. D. WARREN (19); L. C. JONES (21); W. F. FOX (25); L. D. HALL (25); A. F. STRASSER (29); R. FLEET (29), and J. K. WITT (30)...Again, fellows, a reminder of the rough weather ahead. "A driver had the right-of-way, the other guy had a truck."..Another item concerning the upcoming Christmas season--"One of the most difficult tasks in the world is to convince a woman that even a bargain costs money."..Happy holidays!

*- Ernest C. Carter*

**LAWNDALE -**

At this writing we are deeply saddened by the recent passing of Operator JOE RIHA on September 30. Joe was well liked and very active around Lawndale. He was a member of the board of directors of the Lawndale credit union. We will miss a wonderful friend...Our condolences are also extended to Operator EDONIS PRIEST in the recent passing of his wife, MURIELINE, October 4...All personnel interested in playing basketball with the Lawndale team, please contact Operator ROSEY WRIGHT. Your attendance and cooperation is mandatory...Anyone who had doubts about the results of those fishing trips that Superintendent MORRIS takes can rest assured he isn't bluffing. Recently he popped several white bass fillets into my hands, and I was astonished. Anyway they tasted delicious, and I for one will never doubt his word again about catching fish...Operators JOHNNY McCLAIN and CHARLIE WAIR, the Lawndale bowling team captains, are reminding everyone who signed up for the team to please be present when bowling dates are posted for practice...Operator JAMES FITCHPATRICK is off sick at this writing and we're wishing him a speedy recovery...Our congratulations to Operator JAMES BURRIS and his bride, MATTELA, on their recent marriage. We wish them many happy years together... Our deepest sympathy to Operator TOMIE JACKSON in the recent passing of his brother...Another one of our sick personnel is Operator TILLMON SHAW...Hurray, we finally got our share of the new buses...Happy birthday to the following personnel: P. D. JOSE, A. J. POMAR, J. POLK, W. H. PARKER, G. CROOM, E. J. LEVY, R. TAYLOR, L. THOMAS Jr., H. GOODMAN, C. MARSHALL, E. G. SHAW, P. LEWIS, L. C. MacKAY, C. L. SPEIGHTS, P. E. SPENCER, E. L. JOHNSON, A. D. KUNICKIS, W. E. MILLER, D. F. LECHIRCO, H. E. AUSTIN, D. C. CAMPBELL, O. H. MOORE, E. S. CELOVSKY, C. C. WISNIESKI and G. F. BRICHACEK...Don't stuff yourselves, fellows, but I do wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving...Until next month, take care.

*- James Marshall*



NORTH PARK Operator EDWARD SPRINGER is partially obscured by the large-mouth bass he caught while fishing in Miller, Missouri.

HOWARD TERMINAL Clerk GEORGE HENKE, left, is pictured with the 67 pound antelope he shot while on vacation in New Mexico. The fellow on the right is "Red" WILSON, the uncle of North Section Ticket Agent and Transit News Reporter TINA HENKE.

**LOOP -**

On Saturday, October 14, Agent B. RICHARDSON and LLOYD PAYNE were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed at the home of the lovely bride, who wore the traditional white gown and veil. A reception was held for family and friends at the Avenue motel after which the couple left for a short honeymoon. Our best wishes to the happy couple...Agent JOSEPHINE GIBLIN started her vacation on September 24. We hope she had a pleasant time and will furnish us with details upon her return...Celebrating CTA anniversaries in September were ELEANOR HASBROUCK (16 years) and ROSEMARY ROBERSON (17 years)...Lovely LORRAINE UPCHURCH is leaving to await the arrival of Mr. Stork who is due in December. Boy or girl, we know it will be a darling baby. Congratulations, Mom and Pop...Student Agent W. VINES was off the job for two months due to a hand injury. He is back once again and we would like to make a suggestion. Next time hire a mechanic, Wendel...On October 13 FAY CAPRIO's neighbors held a double celebration. One was Fay's birthday and the other was a baby shower for her French poodle who is anticipating. Congratulations and best wishes to both...On October 27 Agent DAVE GRAFMAN and his wife celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary. Congratulations and many more happy years together. . . MARY GALLAGHER and EILEEN CARMODY have both returned from their trip to Ireland and are back on the job. While there, Eileen attended the wedding of her daughter, BRIDGET. We are happy to have you back, girls...JOHN MATUSZEWSKI and BILL COSACK are still on the sick list. We hope to hear that they are both completely well and will be back with us before the next issue of Transit News...We haven't had any word on TONI STIPATI's recovery since her surgery. We hope in this case no news is good news and she is well on the road to complete recovery...Retired Agent LILL CONROY is still in the hospital, but doing well. Our thoughts are with her, and we hope she will soon be home with her family...Agent BETTY SEGERSON was home for two weeks with a sprained wrist but she is fully recovered now and looks great...VIRGINIA TOTCKE celebrated a birthday on September 7. Many happy returns of the day to a lovely lady...JOHN FILIPEK is recovering from a recent heart attack at Mercy hospital. We think a few cards, notes or calls from John's friends might help speed his return to health...Agent ADAM WAAS and his wife are settled in their new apartment and can relax now that all the hard work is finished. Good luck in your new abode...Agent ELEANOR HASBROUCK also moved into a new apartment and is tired out from all the work that moving entails. We hope the move will be a happy one for you, too, Eleanor... Retired Agent MARY JO OHNESORGE took off for Ireland as a retirement treat to herself. We hope she had a pleasant journey and visit and will give us all the news upon her return...Our sincere sympathy to the families of MARGARET McBRIDE, retired agent, and JOHN GAVIN, retired foot collector, who passed away recently...We just received word that Agent MARGARET NOLAN is in Oak Park hospital. We hope the stay is a short one and that she will soon be up and about...In closing, our congratulations to Agent BETTY RUSSO who received an "Agent of the Year" award. We aren't surprised...Keep smiling!

*- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wirtel*

**LIMITS -**

Box Puller FRED SCHADE and his dear wife, CECILIA, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on October 16 with a host of friends and relatives at the Seven Eagles restaurant. Operator G. P. TAYLOR and his wife celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary on October 1. Congratulations and best wishes to these two fine couples, and may you both have many more years of health and happiness...Congratulations to Operator RONALD BROWN and his wife, YVETTE, upon the arrival of their first child, a baby girl named VANASSA. . . Operator ELIJAH WESTBROOK was married to a lovely girl by the name of MARGERY on September 30. Westbrook reports that this is the girl he has been looking for all of his life. Congratulations!..Four generations of the WILLIAM BAHL family had a reunion at Winnemac, Indiana, and a good time was had by all. The wonderful Indian summer made it perfect...Operator FERGUS reports that he caught a 23 pound muskie on one of his fishing trips last month. He has a color snapshot to prove it...Congratulations to Instructor FRANK NORTON upon completion of 44 years of service with CSL and CTA October 3...JAMES JACKSON is still confined to the hospital at this writing. We all hope you will have a speedy recovery...Supervisor MICHAELS is back on the job again at State and Lake after undergoing brain surgery. We are all happy to see you in action and hope that you will stay in good health...Operator CARMEN IACULLA has a hobby that is very rare. He collects fire plugs from all over the country. He was able to obtain one from Erie and Michigan avenues last month...Box Puller LARRY HOFFMAN returned from his vacation after touring the Midwest. . . Operator EDWARD DAPPEN enjoyed his vacation in Omaha, Nebraska, where he visited his son. He and his wife then toured the Black Hills...Superintendent WESTON spent his vacation pouring tons of concrete at his home. He is glad to be back to work again...PARALEE UMBRA, the mother of Operator R. UMBRA; MARY HAUSER, the mother-in-law of Supervisor J. WALLACE, and JOHN BRENNAN all passed away last month. Our sincerest sympathy to their families...Our sincerest sympathy also to the family of ELMER MALMIN, who took his pension six months ago and passed away suddenly during the month of September.

*- R. S. Benson*

**MILWAUKEE, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -**

Summer is gone and that much-too-short season of autumn is here. A good time to reflect upon the happenings of the summer before that hurry-up rush of Christmas arrives...Congratulations to Collector KAULIS who became

a proud grandfather on September 13 when his daughter, MARIANE DOTSON, gave birth to a beautiful 8 pound baby girl named JACQUELINE...EILEEN CARMODY spent part of her summer in Ireland. While there she attended the wedding of her daughter. Best wishes to the young couple. ..Your co-reporter, GRACE MOUNTS, spent four days in the hospital recently having X-rays. MARY WIXTED was also off sick for a while with bronchitis. Good to see them both back to work and feeling better...Still sick as of this writing are JOHN MATUJEWSKI, BETTY SEGERSON and OPAL YORK. Hope to see you all back to work soon...Welcome back to WITOLD SKORUPSKI who has returned to work after a cataract operation...Agent MARIE SZYMAN resigned in September to join her husband who is teaching in the Champaign-Urbana area. We will all miss WENDEL GOOCH who resigned to seek his fortune in the great California sun. We wish Marie and Wendel a lot of luck... MARY BURROWS and her sister spent their vacation in England and Ireland. They saw cousins they hadn't seen in 38 years. Mary was just a baby then. Mary was able to kiss the Blarney Stone while she was in Ireland, as if she needed to. She and her sister both had a great time...Congratulations to MINNIE DIKEMAN who was awarded a pin and corsage by her church for 23 years of perfect attendance in Sunday school...Agent FRED FRIEB and his wife, BETTY, spent two weeks of his vacation traveling through the East. They went through 12 states and got as far as Portland, Maine. They had a wonderful time sightseeing along the coast. They went aboard the U.S.S. Constitution (Old Ironsides). They didn't have much luck having a clam dinner in Maine because of the red tide which poisons the fish and clams. Fred visited an old army buddy in Brooklyn and stopped in Ohio to see his cousin. Fred said he was glad to get back home, and that living in motels and out of suitcases should be left for the younger generation...MARY GALLAGHER spent her vacation in Ireland again this year. She had a great time and promises to bring home some good looking single Irishmen for her friends next time... Assignment Agent MARIE MULVIHILL recently returned from her vacation in Europe. Her funniest adventure seemed to be a camel ride. Marie had intentions of riding a smaller camel, and while she was trying to explain this to the man she was lifted up onto a big one. She didn't realize that a camel got up by lifting his rear end first and then his front end. During the ride everyone thought Marie was smiling--actually she was screaming get me down. Marie had a wonderful time and claims she would not have missed that camel ride for the world...Welcome to new West Side Ticket Agents ALICE FORTUNE, DORA IVORY, LINDA PROWELL and CATHERINE HAYMAKER. We also welcome to the ranks of full-timers, former Student Agent AUGUSTA THOMPSON. Hope you all enjoy your stay with CTA...Assignment Agent CECYLIA ROPA is in St. Elizabeth's hospital as of this writing. We all hope she is feeling better and will be back with us soon...Congratulations to Agent JAMES REED and Assignment Agent KAREN DOMINO who were recently chosen for training as clerks. We all wish you both a lot of luck. A special message to Karen from all of CTA's female employees, stick to it and prove it...JUANITA EDEN was the lucky one to be the first in line at the Animal Welfare League after the Tribune featured its dog of the week. Juanita came home with a darling little puppy named Tasha. Hope you and that pup have many years of fun together...We all wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Agents BETTY BRAZIER and DORIS JOHNSON whose fathers recently passed away... Assignment Agent KAREN DOMINO is going to spend her vacation in California. Karen was very mysterious about whom she was going with, but we soon found out it was her mother. I'm sure they will have a great time as Karen's mom is a neat lady and a swinger, too...We all hated to see CTA's number one agent leave. MARY JO OHNESORGE took her pension October 1. We all wish you a lot of happiness and many years of a good life.

*- Grace Mounts & Katy Moriarty*

**NORTH AVENUE -**

I am sorry to report that my co-reporter, WALTER BLIX, is in Edgewater hospital. I hope by the time you read this he will be back with us. In the meantime, Walter has added a few lines to the end of this column...Garage Instructor PETE GUEDEL and his wife, LAURA, are the proud parents of CYNTHIA LYNN, who weighed in at 4 pounds 6 ounces on their 14th wedding anniversary, August 16. Cindy has five brothers at home: JAMES, 13; WILLIAM, 11; ROBERT, 7; RUSSELL, 6, and EDWARD, 19 months. We would wish them many more such happy anniversaries but Pete tells us this is it...Supervisor DAVID EGGERSDORF and his better half, ANN, celebrated their 16th wedding anniversary attending festivities at Forest Park Moose Lodge...December 6 will be the 31st anniversary celebration for Switchboard Operator JOHN STITCH and his spouse, MARY. Our best wishes to all...Operator HERB LINDEMANN was in Northwest hospital and is at home now recuperating. South Shops Bus Dispatcher BILL KOSEK has been in Michael Reese hospital. He is now home recovering from surgery. We wish them all a speedy recovery and return to work...We are happy to report that Supervisor WILLIAM GILLIS' smiling face is with us again after being on the sick list... Operator FLORIAN DWIEL and his wife, EVA, announced an addition to their family--a new Buick... "Hello" from Superintendent WILLIAM MOSER of Archer to all of his old friends at North...Operator BERNARD PEARSON has transferred to the job of ticket agent. The Sanitation Department has a new member, ex-Operator O. WAYAK. We wish them both lots of luck...Forest Glen Clerk BILL PINASCO, his wife, PAT, and another couple spent 21 days traveling around the good ol' U.S.A. They went West, and in Tia Juana they met Operator RAY HOROZKO. In Arizona they stopped with Pensioners EARL and RAY PETERSON, J. JACOBY and BOB CHRISTIAN. He enjoyed a lot of beautiful sunshine and was much impressed with Sun City in Arizona, which he recommends as a retirement spot for anyone. Bill and company drove 5,940 miles on the trip through mountains, can-

LOOKING THE "birdie" right in the eye, little JENNIFER ANN VODVARKA certainly knows how to pose pretty for the camera. Jennifer's dad, JOE VODVARKA, is assistant chief clerk in the Transportation Department.

yons, the Petrified Forest and the Painted Desert. They didn't miss a trick and enjoyed all of the trip except the weight department...Clerk BOB STACH and his wife, DOROTHY, visited Pensioner ROLAND HEAD at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. They visited Disney World and other scenic sights...A card from vacationing Pensioner VIGGO WINDFELD tells us that he enjoyed a visit to Kansas, Colorado and Utah with his wife, daughter and son-in-law...We received a letter from Pensioner LARS PEARSON and his wife, ANNA. Lars sends a big hello to all his friends. Except for trout in the White River, fishing at Mountain Home has been slow. Pensioner GEORGE ROHRUBER has a home near Lars, not far from the Lake. George is, we are sorry to learn, at Gottlieb Memorial hospital but is looking forward to recovery and getting back to Mountain Home. We hope it will be soon...July members of the Courtesy Caravan Club are: Operators S. KARIM, R. MASON, D. SKOWRONEK, R. TATUM, A. AMOS, L. WOOLFOLK, J. DUBIN and J. WILSON. August members are J. DAVIS, T. GRAY, B. BARNES, S. BOLTON, R. HARRIS, J. SALEHI, C. TALLEY, P. BERMAN, D. TROST and W. JOHNSON... Now for a few words from my co-reporter, WALTER...A great big HELLO to everyone from my room in Edgewater hospital. I've spent the last two weeks here with another bit of ticker trouble. For a time my roommate was ED BLASKEY, formerly of North Avenue. He was at 77th Street when he took his pension in 1969. He's a real swell guy. If you guys and gals don't mind, I'll keep the chatter until next issue. It's impossible to write a column lying in a hospital bed...In the meantime, Bill and I wish you all a very bountiful Thanksgiving...Just another friendly tip, you'd better get started on those Christmas cards NOW because we're hoping to hear from ALL of you...See you all purty soon.

*- William Miedema & Walter Blix*

**NORTH PARK -**

Chief Instructor WALTER STEINBEISS and his assistants would like to take this opportunity to thank the line instructors and temporary line instructors for their part in breaking in the college students during the summer...Operator ED KURCZEWSKI and his wife, BEVERLY, flew to Hot Springs, Arkansas, for a week's vacation. Highlights of the week were the baths at the Majestic hotel, plus the trip on Lake Hamilton on the Ducks...Operator EMIL RUSNAK caught a 28 pound muskie while fishing at Chippewa Flowridge, Wisconsin. Emil was awarded the grand prize, donated by the merchants of the Hayward area, for the biggest catch of the fishing contest in the area... Operator RICHARD HALLIGAN and his wife, JO, and their prize poodle, Ricky, enjoyed their annual vacation in Florida. The Halligans are looking for a permanent spot in Florida as Richard will be retiring in a few months...Pensioner GARRETT FOY and his wife, JEAN, who live in Jasonville, Indiana, were visitors in Chicago before leaving for Way Dam, Michigan, where Garrett does his successful walleye fishing...Operator BILL SEUFFER and his bride, DEBBIE, honeymooned for a week at Colorado Springs, Colorado. They visited Fort Carson, the scene of Bill's previous army service...Street Collector LARRY COSTLEY and his wife, MARY, vacationed throughout the northwest. Highlights of the trip were visits to the Black Hills, Mt. Rushmore and the Badlands...Pensioner FRANK LASKE and his wife, GERTRUDE, enjoyed a trip throughout the Northwest and Alaska. They were impressed with the magnificent

CELEBRATING THEIR 25th wedding anniversary on August 20 were Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM BALDYGA, who are pictured here with their son, WILLIAM Jr., who celebrated his birthday on August 19. William Sr. is a supervisory chauffeur for Utility and Emergency Service.

scenery of Lake Louise and the Canadian Rockies...Superintendent ALEX JOHNSON and his son, ERIC, spent two weeks at Philmont Scout Camp in New Mexico where Alex admits it was a rough session. The bears stole all of their food twice. After returning home, Mr. Johnson and his wife, HELEN, enjoyed a weekend in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where they attended a reunion of the 70th Infantry Division...Operator JOHN KIPPES and his wife, VIRGINIA, took a 21-day escorted train and bus trip to the West Coast, covering 9,500 miles. Points of interest were Denver, Colorado Springs, Salt Lake City and the Mormon Temple, then on to Bryce Canyon, Grand Canyon, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, San Simeon, San Francisco, Lake Tahoe, Yosemite National Park and Reno, Nevada...Congratulations are extended to the 107 operators at North Park who were selected for "Employee of the Year" awards. The names of these men are posted on the bulletin board for all to see... The Sambruca Club of Chicago will hold its annual dinner dance on Saturday, November 4, at the Chateau Royale on West Chicago avenue. The chairman of this affair will be Operator PAT SCIORTINO, assisted by Operators PETE MARCHISOTTO, SAL MUSCARELLO and Pensioner JOE DES PARTE...Congratulations to Operators BILL KNUDSON and GARY NOONAN for their weight reducing efforts. They are engaged in a two-mile running course between Foster and Peterson each morning...Pensioner JOE EIFFES, who is living in a mobile home in Clearwater, Florida, is now recovering from a recent illness and our prayers are with him for continued recovery...Operator JIM MEISTER recently showed up for work on his anniversary day and was the recipient of much good natured ribbing...Operator MEL HORNING and his wife, VIOLET, while vacationing at Forsyth, Missouri, attended the 48th wedding anniversary of Pensioner ART MUIR and his wife, RUTH, and the 44th wedding anniversary of Pensioner RAY DONESKI and his wife, EVELYN. Also attending were Pensioners STEVE HERMAN and his wife, HELEN, and ROY LEMKE and his wife, MARION. Highlight of the occasion was the presentation of a new boat by Mrs. Muir to her husband, Art...Operator BEN NEUMAN and his wife, FLORENCE, along with Florence's sister, THELMA, spent a few days in Forsyth, Missouri, visiting Pensioners Muir, Doneski, Lemke and Herman...Miss MARILYN COSTLEY, the daughter of Street Collector LARRY COSTLEY and his wife, MARY, was married on Saturday, June 24, to Mr. TERRY MATTINO at St. Monica Catholic church. The reception held at Huntley, Illinois, was attended by 250 guests. The young couple honeymooned in the west and will be at home

in Carpentersville, Illinois...JOHN STEINBEISS, the son of Instructor WALTER STEINBEISS and his wife, VICKI, became parents of their first child when a daughter named STACEY was born on June 1 at Air Force hospital in Rancho Cardovo, California, weighing 8 pounds 9 ounces. John, a former bus operator at North Park, is a 2nd lieutenant in the air force. Walter became a grandfather for the second time on June 10 when his daughter, Mrs. PAT SCARFF, gave birth to a daughter named MARGARET, born at Northwest hospital in Arlington Heights weighing 8 pounds 1 ounce...Retiring on July 1 was our genial Board Member FRANK LASKE, and on September 1 ELY PESTINE and EARNEST BOURBON joined the golden age group. We at North Park wish these fine gentlemen much happiness and continued good health in the years ahead...Operator ED SPRINGER spent a week at the Mickey Owen baseball school in Miller, Missouri, with his son, JOHN, who is a counselor there. Ed did some fishing and caught some fine large mouth bass...Our sympathy and condolences are extended to: Operator JAMES MEISTER in the loss of his step-mother, Mrs. MYRTLE CROWLEY; to Operator GENE CALDWELL in the loss of his daughter, GENCIE; to Street Collector JOHN MAHNKE in the loss of his brother, and to the families of Instructor PAUL WINKOWSKI and HENRY BRETZ...Happy anniversaries are extended to the following: Pensioner MIKE RIDGE and his wife, RACHEL, their 38th; Pensioner GEORGE KRINKE and his wife, PEARL, their 43rd; Pensioner RAY DONESKI and his wife, EVELYN, their 44th; Pensioner OSCAR ANDERSON and his wife, LUELLA, their 38th; Operator LEN BAEUCHLER and his wife, VIVIAN, their 34th; Operator ED KURCZEWSKI and his wife, BEVERLY, their 23rd; Operator CHESTER DAMIAN and his wife, IRENE, their 32nd; Operator HENRY SCHRAMM and his wife, ELIZABETH, their 33rd; Operator JOHN KIPPES and his wife, VIRGINIA, their 26th; Operator MEYER LEMEL and his wife, PHYLLIS, their 20th; Operator EDWARD BADEN and his wife, JOSEPHINE, their 41st; Ticket Agent FRED ANHALT and his wife, ANN, their 29th; Operator JOHN COSGROVE and his wife, HELEN, their 31st; Operator LYNN BUTLER and his wife, ANN, their 18th; Operator HILLARD DERENGOWSKI and his wife, their 22nd; Pensioner WILLIAM STEINSPRING and his wife, DOLLY, their 43rd, and Superintendent JACK MORRIS and his wife, DOROTHY, their 43rd...Happy birthdays are extended to: CONNIE DI GIOVANNI, ELYSE LIBERT, PEARL KRINKE, MERVA HAND, EVELYN RELSTAB, VIVIAN BAEUCHLER, DANIEL KOZIOL, Instructor GEORGE RELSTAB, Supervisor GEORGE HAND, Operators RICHARD HALLIGAN, ZEKE JAGST, JIM DOLAN and ORVILLE MURRAY, and Pensioners STANLEY ZALE and ROY LEMKE...Operator CHESTER OLENSKI and his wife, JOANNE, became grandparents for the first time when their son, MICHAEL, and daughter-in-law, NANCY, became parents of a daughter named JENNIFER ANN who was born on September 22 at St. Joseph's hospital weighing 7 pounds.

Repair Department Chit Chat: Foreman PHIL O'CONNOR spent four weeks in Castusland, County Kerry, Ireland, where he visited his mother, Mrs. MARY O'CONNOR, and his brother, EDMUND. Mr. O'Connor had a chance to drive the mini-buses in Ireland and was very impressed with their operation...Serviceman TOM CHIOVINO was married on Sunday, August 6, to Miss GLADYS KOTELMAN at Our Lady of Pompeii church. The reception held at Hecks hall on Milwaukee avenue was attended by 150 guests...Operator MEL HORNING and his wife, VIOLET, spent a lovely afternoon with Pensioner ED CORDA and his wife, JEAN. Ed, who is the apple raising king of Tennessee Ridge, Tennessee, sends his regards to his many friends at the garage and extends an open-house greeting to anyone down his way...Serviceman GEORGE SERRITELLA retired on September 1 after 31 years of service, and was honored with a fine party attended by his co-workers...The welcome mat is extended to Servicemen LOUIS ALM, PATRICK KENNY and KASPER LOMBARDO, and to Repairmen JAMES WARCHOL, STEVE DUDASIK, DANIEL KOWASLKI and JAMES HOUSTON...Congratulations to DENNIS CRONIN on his promotion as P.M. foreman at 77th Street Garage, and greetings to DANIEL LOHSE who replaced Dennis as relief foreman at North Park...Enjoying October vacations at this writing are: DAN PRISBLE, JOSEPH PECORARO, FRANK SCHENDL, MATT HEAVEY, HOWARD HALVERSON, BOB LORENTZ, ANDY KARIOLICH, DARRYL PEARSON and PAUL SCHREVES.

*- Melvin Horning*

**NORTH SECTION -**

Foot Collector D. W. BLAIR recently resigned and was given a farewell party by Chief Collector JOE GOLDBERG and many of his friends and presented with a gift. Mr. Blair has returned to his native Ireland...North Side Clerk PAUL PRIELOZNY retired on October 1 after 32 years of service. He was given a farewell party by his co-workers and Superintendent M. V. LaVELLE presented Paul with a gift. Paul said he was sorry to leave the company, but that he would be around to visit with his friends. We wish him many years of happy retirement...Superintendent LaVelle and his wife spent their vacation in Jamaica where they got plenty of sunshine. We wonder, did he try to do the Limbo? ..Assistant Superintendent BILL LIMANOWSKI and his wife spent their vacation in Hawaii and had a wonderful time. They hated to come home to Chicago's unpredictable weather. How were the hula girls?..Our dear friend and fellow employee, Agent MARY McBRIDE, passed away. To the members of her family we send our sympathy and condolences...Our deepest sympathy is extended to Agent LOLA DuCREE and her family in the sudden and untimely death of her brother. Our sympathy is also extended to Agent LILLY WILLIS in the death of her brother. May you all hold fond memories in your hearts and the good Lord comfort you...Agent WUANITA NAMYST is now home from the hospital and we wish her a speedy recovery. Agent SARA SIMMONS is on the sick list and we wish her a speedy recovery, too...Clerk JOHN GORDON and his wife spent their vacation in his native Scotland. John said they had a wonderful time and that he sure had his fill of haggis. Sure, and it's a wonder he didn't come back wearing kilts... Welcome to two new North Side clerks, JAMES ROBERTS and RICKY LINDSEY. May you find the North Side an invigorating place to work...Agent JERRY ROSENBERG spent a wonderful vacation in Florida where he visited Disney World, also going to Nassau, New Orleans, Atlanta and Chattanooga. Jerry also told us that there is now a Mrs. JERRY ROSENBERG, therefore congratulations and best wishes to them both...Supervisor and Mrs. JOE KORAL had a summer that will be long remembered. Their son, CHARLES, came home after spending 13 months in Korea, and their daughter, VIRGINIA, and her husband, Captain JIM ARMSTRONG, and their son, STEVE, from Hawaii, also visited them at the same time. Little Steve is their first grandchild. Charles is now stationed at McConnell

Air Base, Wichita, Kansas, with the air force security division. Joe also found time to go fishing with his youngest son at Lake Namkegagon in Northern Wisconsin. They caught their share of fish, but had trouble keeping the bears away. Joe said he wasn't about to invite them for dinner...Welcome back to Agent DOROTHY HARRIS who spent some time in the hospital...Agent MYRTLE OTT, while on her vacation, traveled with her son to California after his company transferred him there. She also put another candle on her birthday cake and celebrated by going to Bloomington, Illinois...Our best wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to Agent AUDRA ANDERSON who is now home recuperating from a recent illness. We also welcome back Agent REBA ANDERSON who was off work due to illness...Janitor THOMAS CAMERON and his wife, LORRAINE, and children spent their vacation in and around Los Angeles visiting Disneyland and many other places...Clerk JIM DOHERTY and his wife vacationed in Colorado Springs, going to Pikes Peak, the Royal Gorge and several other points of interest...Agent HELEN EDWARDS and her husband spent their vacation in Florida and Denver, Colorado. They visited many points of interest while in Denver... Agent MAUREEN DURCAN's brother was a recent visitor to Chicago from Ireland to see Maureen and our fair city... Superintendent WILLIAM ROONEY and his wife spent a week at South Haven, Michigan. It rained all the time they were there, so they packed up and came home early. It was a great disappointment to them...Janitor TOM LABONO spent his vacation visiting Colorado Springs, Woodland, Colorado, the Royal Gorge, the Air Force academy and Cripple Creek. He said he hated to leave that wonderful country...Line Supervisor HARRY HORN informed us that his wife, Agent DOREEN, is in Ravenswood hospital. Hurry and get well, Doreen...The supervisors had a new pick and SAM CHILIA and JOHN NIMTZ have gone to the West Side. Both did a terrific job here on the North Side and we will miss them. We wish them good luck...Your scribe and her husband, GEORGE, North Side clerk, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. VIGGO WINDFELD, retired bus operator, have just returned from a three-week vacation out west. We visited the Eisenhower Memorial at Abilene, Colorado Springs, the Air Force Academy, Denver, Rocky Mountain National Park, Salt Lake City, where we attended a concert of the Tabernacle Choir, then on to Zion and Bryce Canyon National parks. We stopped to see the Grand Canyon, then on to Roswell, New Mexico, where we visited my uncle and went antelope hunting with him. The hunt was successful as we bagged a 67 pound two-point buck. We then went to Santa Fe to visit my other uncle, and drove on to Albuquerque and visited the old original section of the town. We then left for Oklahoma City, coming home through the Missouri Ozark area into Southern Illinois. We stopped to visit with relatives, and visited Bald Knob Mountain where we saw the huge cross that is built on top of it. We drove a total of 5,667 miles and enjoyed every minute of it, taking many rolls of movie film to long remember our wonderful trip. Our country is truly a wonderful and beautiful place...Agent DOROTHY MILANETTO is now at home after undergoing surgery and says she will be glad to get back to work and into the swing of things... Agent LEONA MASKIN has returned to work after being off and in Forkosh hospital. Welcome back, we hope you are feeling better...Conductor BILL MOONEY is back in the hospital for further surgery. We wish him well and a speedy recovery...Collector NAPOLEAN TURNER spent three wonderful weeks in Europe visiting Madrid, Spain; Paris, France; Rome, Florence and Venice, Italy; Luxemburg, Belgium, and Munich, Germany. He says the only thing wrong was that it wasn't long enough. Oh how we all love vacations...Chief Foot Collector JOE GOLDBERG and his wife, BEVERLY, celebrated another happy year of marriage. Congratulations to them both...Division 308 Treasurer HUGH HEGARTY and his wife, CATHERINE, spent their vacation visiting the New England States. They visited Boston, and also drove through New Hampshire and Maine. They said the countryside was very beautiful and that they saw many covered bridges that are a rarity today. ..Student Agent STEVE DUFFY and CATHERINE MORIARTY tied the knot on September 2. They spent their honeymoon at French Lick, Indiana. We wish them both much happiness and a long married life...Agent ANNABELLE DREW tells us that she is once again a grandmother. Her son, RAY, and his wife, JUDY, presented Annabelle with her eighth grandchild, a girl. Annabelle is now living in Wheeling and says she really enjoys her new home. Congratulations, grandma.

WEDDING BELLS rang for GLEN and KAREN DONDLINGER on September 9 at St. Mary Star of the Sea church. The bride is the former KAREN HOFFMAN, a records clerk at South Shops, and Glen is a bus serviceman in the Campaign Area.

*- Tina Henke*

**OPERATIONS (Transportation) -**

Retired Rapid Transit Superintendent BILL MURBACH stopped in the general office to say hello. He looks good, is feeling fine and enjoying his retirement...On October 1 Radio Telephone Operator CARL LARSEN retired with 35 years of service. Coffee and cake were served in Operations Control to honor him. Now he will just take it easy and enjoy himself. We wish him a very happy retirement... Congratulations to ART and FLORENCE ROEPKE who celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on October 23 and to JACK and SIMONE TCHELEBIAN who celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary on October 4. Both couples were joined by their families at dinner in honor of the happy occasion...Your scribe, COLETTE, recently flew to Miami, Florida. You might be thinking, again, that's nothing unusual or different. But that's where you're wrong. This time I was joined by CLARENCE and LOTTIE MALOTTKE, RAY and VIV KLEIN, and JACK and WANDA KRAUSE in Miami where we boarded the TSS Mardi Gras for a one-week cruise. Our first stop was San Juan which was very hot and humid. We only went on a night club tour because of our late arrival. It was then on to St. Maarten and a tour of the island. It was very hilly, the streets and roads were very narrow with mostly old and small buildings. We continued on to St. Thomas where we did a lot of walking and shopping. It was very crowded as there were loads of

# RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYES

ALFRED M. ANDERSON, 80, Devon,
Emp. 3-5-14, Died 9-24-72
CARL H. ANDERSON, 78, Kedzie,
Emp. 2-7-27, Died 9-6-72
JOHN BASSO, 71, Archer Garage,
Emp. 11-15-42, Died 9-13-72
WILLIAM E. FORBRICH, 59, North Avenue,
Emp. 12-10-40, Died 9-17-72
JOSEPH H. GAMEN, 83, Surface Garages,
Emp. 8-10-20, Died 9-30-72
JOSEPH A. GAVIN, 69, West Section,
Emp. 1-22-26, Died 9-17-72
ANNA M. GILLESPIE, 84, West Section,
Emp. 7-19-29, Died 9-6-72
WILLIAM R. GODELMAN, 84, Limits,
Emp. 6-4-14, Died 9-30-72
JOHN HEERSMA, 96, Burnside,
Emp. 12-27-21, Died 9-14-72
CHRIST H. HELM, 80, North Avenue,
Emp. 3-13-17, Died 9-26-72
WALTER H. HELMER, 78, Way & Structures,
Emp. 5-11-20, Died 8-29-72
GEORGE M. KARTH, 83, North Section,
Emp. 7-12-07, Died 9-26-72
HENRY A. KIESLING, 85, 69th Street,
Emp. 8-7-13, Died 9-16-72
JOHN J. KUPCZYK, 69, West Section,
Emp. 11-30-25, Died 9-3-72
ELMER A. MALMIN, 65, Limits,
Emp. 10-31-27, Died 9-23-72
CHARLES L. MARKS, 73, North Section,
Emp. 5-5-43, Died 9-24-72
WILLIAM MAZEIKA, 62, District B,
Emp. 8-13-36, Died 10-14-72
JOSEPH RIHA, 60, Lawndale,
Emp. 4-22-37, Died 10-1-72
PERRY SEARS, 85, Treasury,
Emp. 10-23-09, Died 9-3-72
HAROLD SESTAK, 62, Forest Park,
Emp. 12-4-41, Died 10-17-72
FRANK X. VOLLMANN, 83, Devon,
Emp. 6-27-44, Died 9-7-72
WALTER WISNIEWSKI, 70, Campaign Area,
Emp. 11-30-24, Died 9-3-72

tourists like ourselves. Our last stop was Nassau where we did a little more walking and met four couples from CTA who were on another ship. The weather was beautiful and we swam every day on the ship. The food was delicious and there was plenty of it. There was a masquerade party one evening and Wanda and I joined in and went as Old Father Time and the New Year. There was never a dull moment as we were on the go constantly and didn't get much sleep. We had a terrific time, took a lot of pictures and found that a cruise is a great way to spend a vacation. Upon returning to Florida I had enough time to do a little fishing which made my vacation complete. To say the least, it was a wonderful vacation. One I won't forget for a long time...We would like to welcome DENNIS MURPHY, information clerk, replacing JOHN KOLON who transferred to the Schedule Department. Good luck in your new jobs.

**(Traffic Planning) -**

On August 31 a luncheon was held for NANCY JOHNSON at the M&M Club. Many of her friends attended and presented her with a gift and extended their wishes for the best of everything. Nancy will now stay at home, have some extra time to take care of things and relax...BILL WINTERS and his wife drove to Montana, seeing Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks and many other places. During the two weeks they were away they ran into some bad weather, including snow. Considering the weather, they had a real good time...On August 5 the wedding bells rang for HAROLD ROWBOTTOM's son. MICHAEL and KAREN were married at an ecumenical service at Immanuel Lutheran church in Palatine. The newlyweds honeymooned in northern Wisconsin. Mike is presently working as a bus serviceman at North Park Station. The bridal party was certainly a family affair as Mike's three brothers and one sister and Karen's two sisters and one brother stood up to the wedding. We wish to extend our congratulations to the happy couple.

**(Utility and Emergency Service) -**

ROBERT KOSTER recently transferred from Shops and Equipment and WILLIAM DOWNS from Beverly Station. Welcome and good luck in your new jobs...After being off sick for some time, DON EDWARDS has returned to work. We are happy to see you well again and back with us...Congratulations to WILLIAM HART's daughter who found her Social Security number in the Chicago Today and became a winner...Pensioner DAN BOAL recently underwent surgery and is now on the road to recovery. We hope it won't be long until he is feeling fine...We hope that AL SCHMIDT, who was in an automobile accident, is feeling much better and will return to work soon...NICK SPITALLI vacationed at Mount Rushmore and the Black Hills, JAMES ROCHE and his wife went to New Orleans and had a wonderful time, and the ED KELLYS went to Canada where the scenery was beautiful. Ed says he was snowmobiling one day and swimming the next day at Saskatchewan...Congratulations to CLEM ROEHAN who celebrated his 35th anniversary with CTA, PAT PORCELIUS and BILL CRIGLER with 30 years and H. SURRETT and ED JENSKI with 25 years of service. ..Our sympathy is extended to EDWARD JENSKI whose mother recently passed away.

*- Colette Szczepanek*

**PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -**

A big hello is extended to HAROLD ENWRIGHT, order control clerk, who came from Storeroom 42 to replace JERRY KILLMAN who transferred to South Shops. Good luck, Harold!..Our deepest sympathy is expressed to G. S. GRAYBIEL, general superintendent of Purchasing, Stores & Specifications, in the death of his mother...Congratulations to BECKY COUSIN on her new contact lenses. Becky really looks so beautiful with them, we doubt that she'll ever wear glasses again...ED CUMMINGS, retired buyer, came back to visit his friends in the Purchasing Department after one year of retirement. Ed has been on the go ever since and he looks grand. Glad to see you again, Ed... Get well wishes are sent to ED COATES, retired assistant superintendent of Purchasing, who is in West Suburban hospital. We all wish you a speedy recovery...DICK TESCH, Purchasing, has returned from his third trip to Las Vegas.

The weather was rainy, the cab companies were on strike, and he had to travel on the Las Vegas Transit lines. All in all, he had a good time and probably will return... JILL MISE, Specifications, and her parents and fiance spent a wonderful one-week vacation in Hawaii. The tour included three islands. They rented a car and saw many national parks and landmarks, saw Polynesian revues, spent money at the International Market Place, learned to do the hula and Tahitian dances, and got a little tan. Jill says that Hawaii is generally beautiful and the people are very friendly towards tourists. Glad you had such a good time... ROBERT McCARTHY, Purchasing, and his family spent their vacation traveling through Illinois in a new 1972 Ford. They stayed at Kentucky Lake and came back home via Evansville, Indiana, to see his wife's sister who is a nun. After arriving home, it was time to set out again to take his son, ROBERT, to the University of Illinois where he began his freshman year of college. On October 6, Bob, along with his son, BRIAN, and a friend set out for Wauconda Orchards for their annual apple picking day. They picked red delicious, McIntosh and Jonathon apples. Sounds like you and your family had a super time...Good luck to the daughter of JIM GILLIAND, stock clerk II, who has started school at Northern Illinois university. . . JOHN SPRINGER, stock clerk I, spent his vacation in California. He spent one week with his son in San Jose, one week visiting his daughter in Los Angeles, and the last week with his daughter in Oceanside... CHARLES BENNETT, stock clerk I, reports that his daughter, CASSANDRA, is taking a practical nurse course at South Chicago Community hospital. Good luck in your studies, Cassandra...PETE DUFFY, stock clerk I, is on the road to recovery after a recent operation. Hope to see you back at work soon!

*- Cecilia Trucco & John Gill*

**SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -**

They were loaded to the numbers Friday, September 29, in Room 711 when Superintendent of Schedule-Traffic L. C. (Roy) DUTTON and Superintendent of Schedule Operations RICHARD GOLDSTEIN said goodbye to their many co-workers and friends. Over 90 years of schedule work is split among these two men; Mr. Dutton started with Chicago Surface Lines in 1925, and Mr. Goldstein with Chicago Motor Coach company in 1928. Coffee, cake and goodies were served to all with few leftovers. On hand to say goodbye and renew old times were Pensioners BARNEY O'NEILL, JOHN FRANZEN, BOB SEDLACK, JOE DeGRAZIA, GEORGE JOHANNES, JOHN BENNIS, ARVID BRANDT and WALLACE STOLTENBERG. . . CHARLEY KEELER spent his vacation in Wisconsin... BOB LaVOIE walked his second daughter, LORRIE, down the aisle at St. John Fisher church on September 3. The reception was held at the Martinique and a good time was had by all...JOE VIOLA is back to work after recuperating at home from surgery. It is good to have him back...NORMAN ZAHN, traffic checker, became a grandfather for the first time. Congratulations... Mr. and Mrs. KEN MAREK and your scribe toured parts of Europe. Vienna, Austria, was the starting point, and Rome, Italy, was the stopping point. Your scribe especially enjoyed Yugoslavia, the country of her ancestors...Congratulations and best wishes to our new boss, Superintendent of Schedule-Traffic HAROLD HIRSCH, and to his newly-appointed assistants, WILLIAM WORCESTER, WALTER THOMAS and EDWARD REILLY...Welcome to JOHN KOLON who transferred from telephone information clerk to traffic clerk... JOE RITROVATO was promoted to schedule clerk, and JOE KAREL to statistician...We welcome four new traffic checkers, ROBERT SPOONER, ANTONIO TOBIAS, RAFAEL TORRES and CHARLES ALMENDAREZ...The Schedule Department extends their sympathy to DOROTHY ETSCHEID in the death of her mother.

*- Kathryn Batina*

**RAPID TRANSIT MAINTENANCE TERMINALS -**

Welcome to new Car Servicemen G. PORCARO and A. BONICK from the boys at Forest Park...Congratulations to LEON FIELDS and JAMES PLOMIN on their promotion to instructors...Welcome and congratulations to L. O. RODDY who was promoted to repairman "B" at Dan Ryan...Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. ZOCCOLI, Congress, on the birth of their first child, JAMES ANTHONY, on September 15. Congratulations are also in line for Mr. and Mrs. F. NEALY, Congress, on the birth of their second child, FULTON Jr., September 28. Best wishes to both families... Wedding bells tolled for L. BACHLEDA, Congress, who was married in Europe while on vacation. Wishes for a lifetime of happiness are sent to the happy couple...A hearty welcome from all the boys at Congress to T. HALLAHAN and F. ALCANTARA... CTA American Legion Post 1216 held its annual installation of officers on October 29 at the Indian room in the Fort Dearborn hotel... Everyone is still talking about the wonderful affair given by G. NICHOLSON, L. STEWART, C. NELSON and F. PICKETT at the Chivas club...The last chance for a summer vacation was enjoyed by J. RANDAZZO, C. NEVELS and L. REYES of Forest Park, and Q. BONDS, C. TOWNSEND, J. KOGER and E. SHIELDS of Dan Ryan.

*- Ray Brzeczek*

**SKOKIE SHOPS -**

A birth announcement from the Motor Line! While Electrical Worker BILL HEBERT was vacationing on his Wisconsin farm, one of his prize sows gave birth to 14 piglets! Congratulations, Bill! Where are the cigars?.. Electrical Worker LEO KRAMER is the proud owner of a 1973 Pontiac Bonneville with everything on it. Included is a big trunk so Leo can load up at his favorite store...On October 3, Electrical Worker STANLEY RAVEN became a

COLLECTOR THOMAS BRAGG, South Section, is pictured ostride a very decorative burro. This photo, taken while he was on vacation in the Virgin Islands, shows he may have needed a taller burro for his long legs.

great-uncle twice in one day. Stan's nephew, THOMAS KEENAN, and his wife, DOROTHY, had twin sons, TIMOTHY FREDERICK, 4 pounds 5 ounces, and THOMAS FRANCIS III, 4 pounds 8 ounces. Congratulations!..Our sincere sympathy goes to Upholsterer JOHN ZDUNEK in the loss of his mother...We'd like to wish speedy recoveries to STANLEY BARNAS, shopman I; Blacksmith-Welding Foreman STEVE YERGOVICH, and GENE RYMKE, Technical Services Division. Hurry back, fellows!..Talk about the luck of the Irish--Electrical Worker PAT HARNETT was the lucky winner of the $50 Savings Bond at the Spring Grove firemen's dance. Your scribe and her husband, HUGH HEGARTY, Division 308 secretary-treasurer, had the pleasure of attending this affair. We weren't as lucky as Pat, but we sure had a great time!..We'd like to extend our best wishes for a very happy retirement to Carpenter MATTHEW MASCARI. Matt retired on October 1 after 32 years with the company. Have fun, Matt!

*- Catherine Ann Hegarty*

**SOUTH SECTION -**

Well, here it is, autumn again--the frost is on the pumpkin and the holidays are just around the corner. This year is sure going fast...Well, our South Siders really enjoyed their vacations this summer with all the trips they made to faraway places...Motorman WILLIAM BROPHY flew to the "Old Sod" for his vacation, and enjoyed the beautiful scenery in Dublin. He says everything is such a beautiful green. ..Conductor JOHN KALTSAS and his Mrs. vacationed in Florida, spending time in Tarpon Springs, Tampa, Miami; then over to Nassau in the Bahamas to see the gambling casinos, and to Freeport for shopping. They also went to Atlanta, Georgia, to attend a Greek convention...Conductor MICHAEL WALKER passed out the biggest cigars when he told us about the birth of his son, CRAIG, born September 13. The happy Walkers have a "King's Choice" now, a boy and a girl...We were happy to see more of our ailing employees back to work and in good shape once more: Clerk ROBERT HARVEY, Motorman ROBERT SHELBY, Conductors STEVE RUDOKAS and LUTHER WAKEFIELD, and Janitors JAMES ROBERTS and WILLIAM LOVE...Retired Motorman EDWARD HENNESSY and his charming wife, VIOLA, called to say that they were moving to Phoenix, Arizona. They have rented a nice apartment with a pool and are going to see how they like it out there. I received a postcard from them the other day and so far they just love it. They live not too far from Retired Collector THOMAS McINERNEY and his wife, former Assignment Agent NANCY...Instructor ARDIS MORRIS and his family drove to Florida and saw the fabulous Disney World. They also stopped at Lookout Mountain, and went to Underground Atlanta with all its quaint shops and restaurants...Janitor LENZY BATTLE went on pension October 1 and the agents and men at 95th Street gave him a nice going away party. Mrs. BATTLE came out to help in the celebration. Sandwiches, cake and coffee were served and a token of remembrance was presented to him. Hats off to Agents AMY GRANT and MAXINE JEFFERSON for all their work in making this party a success. Our best wishes to Lenzy for a long and happy retirement. He will be missed by all his co-workers and friends. He was one of our best janitors and had an excellent record...Now that summer is over our part-time conductors have gone back to school: KEITH and KENNETH JACOBI, MICHAEL APPLEBY, ROBERT JARVIS, THOMAS CONWAY, JAMES MARINA, PHILIP WILLIAMS, CHARLES WILLIAMS, PETER STAZZONE, LEONARD MOORE, CARL DAVIS, ROBERT ROBERSON, RICHARD PARRISH and WILLIAM STALLWORTH, and Janitor STEVEN JAMES...Our sincere condolences to Agent KAREN FRIDDLE whose brother passed away in Michigan...I met Retired Conductor JOHN SHEAHAN recently at a bus stop on 95th Street and he looked wonderful. He said he was going to the Bahamas for the winter. Our pensioners sure get around to those faraway places...Motorman DOMINIC CESARE and his wife, ROSE, vacationed in California touring the entire state, and then went to Las Vegas. They had a swell trip...Congratulations to Conductor JAMES ROBERTS who transferred to the North Section on August 20 as a transportation clerk...Agent VELMA HUSBAND and her family vacationed this summer in Washington, D. C., and saw all the sights. They said there is so much to see in Washington you hardly have time to see it all...Congratulations to Conductor NEIL SULLIVAN and his wife who celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary recently at White Fence Farm restaurant...The Agents Pension Club held their fall dinner at Sharko's East restaurant on September 17 and everyone had a ball. The food was real good, especially the yummy chicken (now that I'm eating more I really enjoy my food again). It was so nice to see all the pensioners again and talk with them: Retired Agents KAREN FRIDDLE, MAE DRISCOLL, HAZEL DUNN, GRACE WEBER, CECILIA MORAN, CATHERINE COLLINS, SARAH McEVOY, HELEN SHANNON; Retired Towerman PATRICK HICKEY; Retired Conductor JERRY HANAFIN; Retired Division 308 Board Member CHARLES BURNS and many more. Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE RILEY, superintendent of operating stations, also attended and helped to make it an enjoyable dinner...Welcome to the South Section to newly-hired conductors: WESLEY COLE, CECIL PURNELL, DONALD BRADSHAW, EUGENE EASON, WILLIAM PERRY, RONALD CURRY, RAY HELM, RAY EVANS, HERMAN HARRIS, WILL INTOE, ROBERT SHARP and WILLIE TAYLOR...Motorman ED O'HARE spent his vacation this summer in Wisconsin and enjoyed the cool breezes and the fishing...Heard that Retired Agent MARY KLUMPP has moved to Jacksonville, Illinois. Good luck, Mary, in your new residence...Collector THOMAS BRAGGS flew to St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands and had a ball. He said the Virgin Islands are like paradise...Part-time Conductor ADAM BOURGEOIS decided to remain with us and was rehired as a full-time conductor on September 25...Janitor DOMINICK MARTINO went on a trip to Italy and had a wonderful time seeing all the sights and enjoying the sun...We were sorry to see Motorman TOM JONES resign to leave

THESE TWO avid fishermen are Operator JESSE BYRD and Clerk HERBERT McKNIGHT of 52nd Street Station. They are shown here with a fine catch on their last fishing trip of the season.

THEY SAY a picture is worth a thousand words. Well, here is one of Electrical Department Substation Operator FRANK WOJCIK with a day's catch while on a fishing trip in Canada.

the city. Good luck, Tom, in your new venture...Receiving passenger commendations recently were Conductor JAMES HOWARD, who was commended for his clear and audible announcements, and Motorman RAY RHONE, who was commended for quietly removing a passenger who was annoying other passengers...On the sick list at this writing are Work Train Conductor THOMAS SCHWARZ, Motorman SCOTT GIVENS, and Conductor JOSEPH MITTLER. Hope all of you can return to work real soon...Making his annual sojourn to the "Old Sod" recently was Vice President of Division 308 CHARLES LOUGHRAN...Accepted for Supervisor's Training School are: Motormen MYRON WOODS, LARRY DAVIS, RAY RHONE and OLLIE WINSTON, and Yard Foreman ROBERT GRAHAM. Congratulations to one and all. Our South Siders made a good representation for the supervisor's school. We are mighty proud of them... The JOE TVRDIKS, retired assistant station superintendent, sent a postcard from Glacier National Park. They are touring the west "where the antelope play," and went trout fishing and hunting...Clerk JOHN MULLIGAN took a trip to Kentucky to visit his father and had a great time...Conductor STANLEY ZIELINSKI's wife was in the hospital recently, but she is home now recuperating nicely... Happy Thanksgiving to all. Don't eat too much turkey!

*- Verna Hartney*

**SOUTH SHOPS -**

Your new co-reporter for the South Shops is HOWARD BURRIS of Area 348, Bay 6. JIM LaMONT, your former co-reporter, has been promoted to an outside machinist and has our congratulations. Howard, his wife, GLADYS, and their son, MICHAEL, enjoyed a two-week vacation in Canada...BILL HOWELL, Area 342, just bought a new ride! It's a Buick, fellows. He finally got rid of the Edsel...Congratulations to HARRY POCES, Area 349, on your winning the Irish Sweepstakes. It's a very fitting occasion on his 43rd year with CTA. His itinerary leads to Orlando, Florida, Disney World, and a visit with his daughter...Now hear this! AL SAMASKA Sr. is scratch winner of the South Shops golf tournament. He's so good, he's now contemplating taking on Lee Trevino...EMIL BUELOW, formerly of Area 336, lost his mother-in-law. Our hearts are saddened...BULLETIN! Area 334's FORRESTAL made a recent visit to Pontiac, Michigan, to become more familiar with the production of our engines in the new buses. So, good buddies of Area 334, I think he has ulterior motives. Maybe roller skates for the mechanics!..Congratulations to JOHN LASKY and his wife on the birth of a baby boy, BRIAN JOHN, weighing 7 pounds 7 ounces on September 17. ..Machinist SAM GLOVER is now an ordained minister. So instead of Brother Sam, it's now Reverend Sam. Congratulations!..Pensioner SAM TROMBINO, formerly of Area 312-C, vacationed in Italy for three glorious weeks--Rome, Naples and the bit!..A speedy recovery wish goes out to BOB FUHRMAN of Area 318. Hurry back to work, Bob... JAMES HAYNE, Area 313, gave a surprise birthday party for his wife, LOUBERTHA, recently...A belated wedding congratulations to CHARLIE HAYNES on his betrothal to BETTY ANN...CARL POSE of Area 333 and 338 is on vacation and ill. Hope to see you back on the job soon, Carl... JOHN O'MALLEY is sporting a new Ford these days, and his wife just returned from a vacation in Las Vegas. Whew; money!..FRANK COLEMAN's daughter, ELORA, is now Mrs. JACKIE YOUNG. They will make their home in Chicago. Mr. Young is a graduate of Rocky Mountain college in Billings, Montana, and a basketball star. He had an offer from the Bulls as an eighth round draft choice... HOWARD (True Grit) GOERNER, Area 345, has a new swimming pool. Now that summer is over, he's planning on having a heated pool for the winter. (I wonder how much back pay he got?)...JACK MURRAY and his wife, MARGE, celebrated 22 years of wedded bliss recently. Congratulations...LARRY JARECKAS of Area 348 and his wife became the proud parents of a baby girl, MICHELE LYNN, born on September 4... CHARLES GERARD of Area 348 finally bought a super-stereo for his wife. Congratulations, RUTHIE...The joke of the month was on WAYNE STAPLES when 26 fellows of Bay 6 went to White Sox park. The Sox beat Oakland and MIKE GRANGER presented Wayne with a rubber hot dog. Without paying attention, he bit into it. I wonder if Wayne requested mustard on his hot dog?..All the fellows in Area 351, the Radiator Shop, would like to congratulate SHERIDAN LEACH and his wife, ALICE, on the birth of a baby girl, MELINDA MARIE, weighing 9 pounds 2 ounces. Believe it or not, her godfather is his side-by-side working buddy, LOUIS ALLEVA...JOHN GUZAITIS of Area 351 recently vacationed in Puerto Rico and St. Thomas...JOHN LIPKA, Technical Services technician, and his wife visited Pensioner ADOLPH KUTZ and his wife, JULIE, during his recent trip to Hot Springs, Arkansas. Mr. Kutz retired recently as chief estimator in the Electrical Department and is enjoying retirement in his 70 foot trailer... See you next month, fellows, with more news!..Our thanks to ELAINE STEWART for pinch-hitting for my co-reporter, DENISE, while she is home recovering from oral surgery.

*- Denise Patheiger & Howard Burris*

**52ND STREET -**

The first thing I must do is make a correction on that trip to Moscow, Russia, reported last month. It was made by STANLEY PHILLIPS. Sorry about making a mistake on your first name, Stan. Chief Clerk A. HILLSTROM was very happy over the stamp collection that Stanley brought back from that country...Another overseas vacation was had by Operator WALLACE PETERSON who spent his time in Hawaii. He also brought us a pineapple plant which is growing satisfactorily... Clerk HERBERT McKNIGHT and Operator JESSE BYRD were at it again. This time to close out the season with what should be their last fishing trip. But you never know about those two, you might catch them making holes in the ice if the fish will bite... Operator VERNON NELSON took his pension on October 1 and his

wife gave him a little retirement party which was very nice. Among those who I saw in attendance were: Operators HOOKS, WILLS, HILL, COLE, ORR, CLARK, POWELL, and a long list of others whom I didn't see. A grand time was had by all...It's good to see Operator STEWARD back on the job after a month-long illness...At this writing 52nd Street is 38 accidents under the year 1971, and one over our best year, 1967. So hang in there, fellows. Who knows, someone might have to pop for coffee real soon... Chief Clerk A. HILLSTROM has a good deal for any operator who wants to take a short-haired girl to a long-haired party--a wig, which is on display in the office...The 52nd Street Repair Department passed its fire inspection with flying colors. For a job well done, Day Foreman GUS PAVELKA was taken to dinner. Assistant Day Foreman HOSEA JOHNSON was congratulated for doing an excellent job of keeping the garage in shape while Pavelka was on vacation. Hosea took his vacation to see the world series... HERB ROHLEN just returned from Las Vegas for two weeks. That was two weeks of slot machines and free liquor (smile)...Clerk D. GARNER has been going back and forth to East St. Louis for the past five weeks where he has a sister that is quite ill...A new pick is coming up downstairs, so we will be seeing new faces...Repairman CARL SIMMS suffered an injury to his right hand. He broke two fingers...To the operators of those new buses, do not, I repeat, do not shift the gears in any way while the bus is rolling, it must be standing still...If you have missed my face for a few weeks, I've been on vacation and had a ball.

*- John L. Hudson*

**69TH STREET -**

One of the things I remember most from last summer was watching Superintendent JACK MORRIS of Lawndale wear out a rod and reel bringing in the striped bass at Winneconne, Wisconsin. Superintendent PEYTON, who is still looking for the brake on his new boat, says that he could kick a salmon onto shore at his place in Ludington, Michigan, that would put all of Jack's fish to shame. By the way, your co-reporter, ART BUESING, caught over 200 stripers and four walleyes...Meanwhile, HOWIE SANGER and JOE KOVATZ took JOHN MORNAR fishing for the first time at Long Lake, Wisconsin, and John couldn't understand why the line would fall at his feet when he reeled it in--backwards! Howie and Joe brought home a nice catch of bass...Have you fellows noticed how Instructor ROSS looks around before he starts to talk? Especially when Instructor SWANSON is at the station...Richard Bezdicek, the paper boy at Lawrence and Western, was in serious condition at Ravenswood hospital after being struck by a hit and run truck...MICKEY YOUNG became a grandpa when little ED CHARLES Jr. was born...CHARLEY URBIK sure looks sharp since he lost 60 pounds. His invisible dog can't get over it...BILL YEATMAN and MIKE BARRIS were both hospitalized. They are now home and recuperating nicely. ..Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of former operator HENRY KIESLING who passed away, and to L. JOLLY in the loss of his wife after a prolonged illness. Also to Supervisor W. EDWARDS whose mother passed away...From the repair department, JIMMY AHERN reports that JOE GAMEN, former foreman at 69th, passed away. Joe had been on retirement for 20 years. To his family we offer our sincere condolences. Jim said it was good to see J. HOPKINS, BILL MAGEE, FRANK TAMARINO and many others at Joe's wake...Our sincere condolences to the family of JAMES LUNDY in the untimely death of Mrs. LUNDY, and to the family of WALTER (Butch) KWLIKAWASKAS in the death of his brother, WILLIAM...To GUS MELANDER, MIKE MORAN, FRANK HIGGINS and all the rest of the fellows off sick, we wish them all a speedy recovery...Those on vacations at this time are: TOM MOORE, E. SMOLENSKI, R. SCHEID, T. MIKALSKI and J. BELL. They all vacationed in Wisconsin. I wonder who caught the biggest fish or has the biggest story?..Congratulations to HENRY STINSON and his wife on the birth of a daughter, WONDELL. They now have three girls. Henry is the p.m. clerk in the repair department...TOM GODFREY paid us a visit recently and is looking fine. He is now a truck driver...We were happy to see BILL TOOMEY, assistant day foreman, back to work after a long illness. We would also like to wish the father of Assistant Day Foreman WILLIE COOPER a speedy recovery. ..TOM McHUGH is in Ireland at this writing and having a wonderful time. Also, God speed and good luck to JIMMY MALONEY who has decided to stay in Ireland...JOHN MELKA, former operator at 69th, says hello to all his friends here. John is now in the undertaking business at Beverly Ridge Funeral Home with his son, JAMES...JOE SANEKO, repairman, is the commander of the Chicago Bridgeport VFW Post 5079. Joe also went to Michigan on his vacation to visit friends...HARVEY BROCK is known as "Wack-Wagon Harvey" because of his hunting for muskie and catfish while on vacation. Will someone please tell him that he should fish for them instead?..Former Station Superintendent ERNIE TOCCI had a wonderful time while on retreat at Notre Dame...Pensioners JACK BARRY and FRANK ZEMAN paid us a visit and are looking fine...Keep the buses in good shape so the operators can drive safely on our streets this winter...God bless all of you.

*- Art Buesing & Jimmy Ahern*

**77TH STREET -**

Congratulations to Operator and Board Member ELCOSIE GRESHAM and his wife, MARILYN, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on September 7...Congratulations to DAN VEITICUS of the repair department on his marriage August 12. He forgot to give me the lovely bride's name in his excitement, but did say that they honeymooned in Los Angeles, California, and Las Vegas. He is now back at the old grind, but a happy man...Happy birthday to LORETTA HALL, the wife of Clerk CHARLES HALL, who celebrated on September 22...Birthday greetings were also extended to Operator GEORGE DALMUS on September 24. His wife, CORRINE, gave him a surprise party and a good time was had by all who attended...Congratulations to Supervisor CLARENCE JENKINS and his wife, FANNIE, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on October 19...We know that the operators on Cottage Grove are happy to see Supervisor ZEKE WILLIAMS back on the scene after a short bout with the gout. Isn't the gout a rich man's ailment?..Board Members ANDREW BUTLER and ELCOSIE GRESHAM are striving for a record of "no misses" during the month of November. They are asking the support of all the men at 77th Street...Our sincere thanks to all the men who came through so beautifully for Operator HIAWATHA MOSS and his wonderful family...With the purchase of a new Zenith color TV at 77th Street, hardly any of the operators are arriving home on time.

*- Allison De Bonnett*

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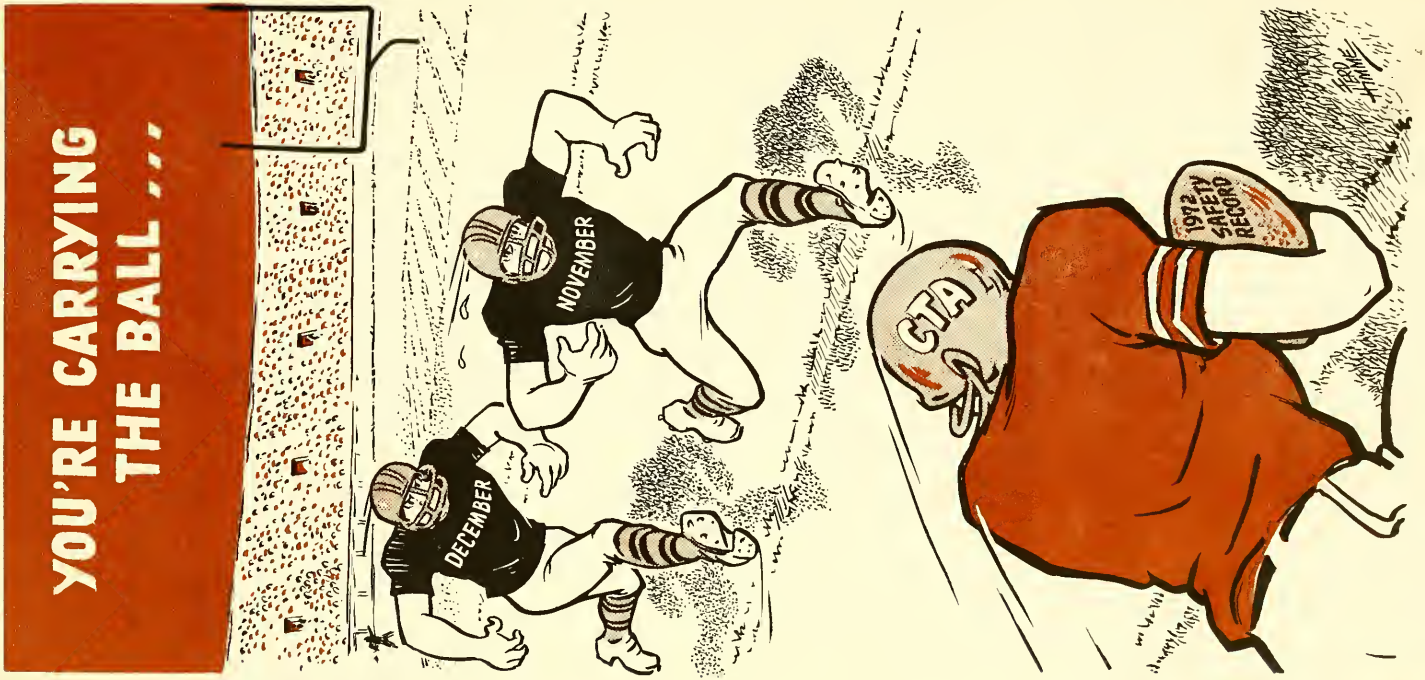

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